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Hurd imposes fines to halt bogus refugees

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Emergency legislation to stop the flow of bogus refugees or illegal immigrants into Britain is to be introduced into Parliament today to take effect from midnight.

Under a short Bill brought forward in the wake of the controversy over the 64 Tamils who have sought asylum in Britain and expected to go through within weeks, airlines and shipping companies will be fined £1,000 for each passenger they bring without a valid passport or identity document, or a valid visa where one is required by the immigration rules.

The charges will apply from tonight.

The new law, welcomed by Conservative MPs but described as a hasty piece of panic legislation by Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, was announced by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, in the Commons.

At the same time he disclosed that the Government was revising immigration practices to give greater protection against immigration rackets.

The present arrangements under which the Home Office refers cases to the United Kingdom Immigration Advisory Service will change.

In future, Mr Hurd stressed, there would be cases that were not referred and "therefore applicants for asylum can have no expectation that ... there will in their case be such a reference."

Those who challenged in the courts decisions to refuse asylum could not expect that they would automatically be allowed to stay until proceedings were completed, Mr Hurd said.

Mr Hurd confirmed his decision to refer to the advisory service each of the 64 Tamil cases, and to reach fresh individual decisions in the light of all relevant facts.

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He said that he expected to receive representations by March 18 and take decisions after that.

Mr Kaufman said that Mr Hurd had reversed his earlier decision to expel the Tamils "in order to dodge the adverse outcome of the judicial review of their cases."

Mr Kaufman said: "It is because he fears that if he does not abandon his position in the House of Commons he will be knocked off it in a court of law. That is the reason he has announced this change in his position."

Explaining the about-turn over the Tamils, Mr Hurd said the Government came under the law. "We made an attempt to remove thse particular 64 but we were prevented by the intervention of the court. Since then there have been judicial proceedings and, in view of the course of those proceedings and the line taken by the court and the likelihood that there was no immediate outcome in sight, given the rights of appeal, I took this action."

Under the new law to be imposed on carriers, airlines will not be liable to pay if they can show that the passenger had the necessary valid documents when he boarded the ship or aircraft or, in the case of forged documents, that the forgery was not reasonably apparent.

● Lord Chitnis, chairman of the British Refugee Council, blamed the Government's dilemma on the decision to boycott the normal procedures for vetting the 64 Tamils seeking asylum (writes Sheila Gunn).

He predicted that hasty legislation would result in bad legislation.

He said that they had met Mr David Waddington, the Home Office Minister, last week and said that they were prepared to talk about changes.

"This is a panic measure. We would have preferred these matters to be discussed in a calm atmosphere." Lord Chitnis said: "All we asked for is that cases should be referred through the usual channels".

He said he did not know where all the Tamils being held in Britain are." A doctor has examined some of them and found that at least 16 have physical signs of torture."

He said he believed that if they had been, for instance, Australians there would have been a public outcry about their plight.

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Health charges to rise by 20p

Jill Sherman
Social Services
Correspondent

Prescription charges are to rise by 20p to £2.40p from April 1, more than double the rate of inflation, but dental charges are to remain the same.

Announcing the 8.3 per cent increase in the Commons yesterday, the Minister for Health, Mr Anthony Newton, also said that model charges for private patients would go up between 6.1 per cent and 17.6 per cent, with charges for overseas patients rising by roughly the same amount. Pay bed charges will go up by 8.3 per cent.

Under new arrangments announced last year, health authorities can follow government set charges for private patients or set their own charges to reflect the costs incurred in treatment.

Mr Newton said the prescription increases, expected to produce £10 million, were broadly in line with the cost of the services, but had been "balanced" to improve value for money season ticket arrangements.

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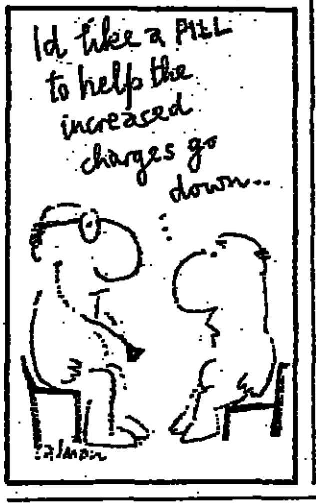
The item charge will rise by 20p to £2.40; the four monthly pre-payment certificate by 50p to £12.50 and the annual prepayment certificate by £1.50 to £35.00," Mr Newton said.

The prescription increases were criticized by opposition MPs, the British Medical Association, and the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, which said that they would prevent patients seeking treatment or picking up all the presciptions needed.

The BMA said: "Prescription charges have already reached a level at which people are deterred from seeking medical treatment."

The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, which represents the 10,500 high street pharmacists in England and Wales, claimed that 2,000 people were foregoing some part of their prescribed items because of the cost.

The British Dental Association welcomed the decision to hold down dental charges for two years. "This will be a big help in encouraging more people to have regular dental care," said its secretary, Mr Norman Whitehouse.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Mr Robin Janvrin, who is leaving his job as deputy head of the Foreign Office personnel department to join the Palace.

Shea resigns as royal spokesman

By Alan Hamilton

Mr Michael Shea, the Queen's press secretary for the past nine years, has resigned.

He will leave Buckingham Palace in June to become director of public affairs for Hanson Trust, the Anglo-American industrial conglomerate.

Mr Shea, aged 48, a career diplomat plucked by the Queen from the British Consulate in New York in 1978, said yesterday that his decision to leave had been entirely his own.

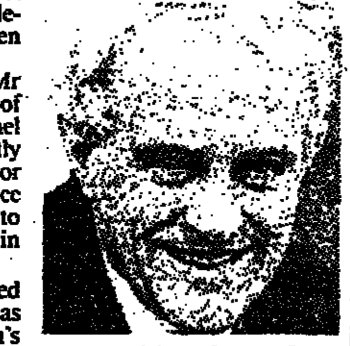
He will be replaced by Mr Robin Janvrin, deputy head of the Foreign Office personnel department, who was recently named to succeed Mr Victor Chapman, the assistant Palace press secretary, who is due to return to his native Canada in the summer.

Palace sources indicated yesterday that the Queen has been saddened by Mr Shea's decision to leave.

The two are known to have got on well together, and she moved swiftly to his defence behind the scenes last year when Mr Shea sailed into troubled waters over an off-the-record briefing he was said to have given to *The Sunday Times* on fundamental differences of outlook between the monarch and her prime minister.

The resulting row drew an almost unprecedented letter of support for Mr Shea to *The Times* from Sir William Heseltine, the Queen's private secretary. Mr Shea weathered the storm unscathed, and if it had any effect at all, it was merely to delay his decision to move on to another job until the fuss had well and truly died down.

The Queen's principal spokesman has also become much liked by the media despite an occasionally stormy relationship. Twice during his tenure he has summoned editors to the Palace to convey the Queen's displeasure, and twice the Palace has instituted legal proceedings against newspapers for publishing confidential letters and memoirs.



Mr Michael Shea, who leaves in June.

But the Palace meetings have been seen in retrospect as greatly improving relations between the Press and Palace. Regular royal reporters said of Mr Shea yesterday that he had almost always been willing to give help and guidance from a Palace which at one time told any enquiring journalist to mind his own business.

He also endeared himself with occasionally and essentially harmless indiscretions.

Mr Shea said yesterday:

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Runcie appeals again for Waite

From Robert Fisk
West Beirut

The 26 foreign hostages held in Lebanon yesterday re-emerged as the focus of political attention in Beirut with the disclosure that the Archbishop of Canterbury had written to a spiritual mentor of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah in Beirut to seek further help in securing the release of Mr Terry Waite, his missing envoy.

At the same time Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Amal leader, on his return to Beirut repeated his offer of an exchange of prisoners — three Americans, one Indian and an Israeli airman held in Beirut for several hundred Lebanese and Palestinians in jails run by the Israelis in southern Lebanon and inside Israel itself.

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According to the Beirut newspaper *as-Safir*, Dr Robert Runcie's letter to Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah was sent "a few days ago" and reportedly thanked the Hezbollah leader for his help in trying to find Mr Waite. The newspaper said Sheikh Fadlallah had originally told the Archbishop that he had "made intensive efforts" to help Mr Waite but had failed to obtain his freedom.

The outcome of the Archbishop's latest letter, however, was as much in doubt as the offer made by Mr Berri, who, only last month, was predicting Mr Waite's release "within 48 hours". No-one, however, is likely to begrudge the Amal leader's efforts. His alliance with Syria certainly adds credit to his word, for it is Syria itself that is now most likely to extract the foreign hostages.

Mr Berri said that the exchange of hostages should be carried out through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, holding the four, gave a list of prisoners to the ICRC last month, but then withdrew its offer of an exchange

● **LONDON:** A Lambeth Palace spokesman confirmed yesterday that Dr Runcie had been "in touch with a number of people in the Middle East who might have some influence over events".

Heysel accused 'must go on trial'

By David Cross

Twenty-six Liverpool football supporters accused of manslaughter during the Heysel Stadium riot 21 months ago were yesterday freed on bail after a British court had ruled that they should be extradited to stand trial in Belgium.

A High Court judge ruled that they should be freed on unconditional bail pending an application for writs of habeas corpus to set them free.

Mr Justice Simon Brown said the matter was a "proper case for the continuance of bail during the testing of the validity of the committal."

Neither the police nor the Belgian government raised any objection to bail for 25 of the accused or for an order that one fan, Michael Barnes, aged 21, of Bristol, should continue to stay in a bail hostel. They had already been on bail since their case first came before magistrates last September.

If an application for habeas corpus, which is expected to be heard in about six weeks time, is unsuccessful, the final decision on their extradition will be made by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

After a 19-day hearing in Highbury magistrates' court in north London, Mr David Hopkin, the presiding magistrate, ruled yesterday morning that there was sufficient evidence that the fans had taken part in charging, throwing missiles or fighting at the stadium to justify their extradition.

The charges against the accused centred on the manslaughter of Signor Mario Ronchi, an Italian spectator who died when a wall collapsed in the stadium on the outskirts of Brussels during the European Cup final between Liverpool and the Italian team, Juventus, on May 29, 1985. During the hearing, Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, for the Belgian government described the riot, in which 39 people died as "the greatest man-made tragedy ever inflicted on a sporting occasion."

Defence lawyers for the accused had argued that it must be proved that the fans were fighting at the time of Signor Ronchi's death, but Mr Hopkin ruled that this was not important.

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Danny Kaye dies aged 74

The entertainer Danny Kaye, who juggled a career as a comedian, actor, and humanitarian for nearly 50 years, has died in Cedars Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles.

Kaye, aged 74, died from heart failure due to complications from hepatitis and intestinal bleeding.

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Craxi quits

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, and his five-party Government have resigned. Page 9

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Shares record

Share prices have doubled in London over the past three years since the FT-SE 100-share index was introduced. The index is now at a record 1,998.3 Page 22

Billion club

Unilever, the food, detergent and fats giant, became the third company on the London Stock Exchange to announce this year profits of more than £1 billion Page 21

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10-wicket win

The West Indies withstood a century by Martin Crowe and defeated New Zealand by 10 wickets in the second Test in Auckland Page 37

ICA results

The results of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales professional examination II will be published tomorrow.

Portfolio

● The £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared by four readers. Details, page 3.
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Thatcher cautious on missile talks

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher, who is bound for Moscow on March 28, yesterday sounded a cautionary note about Mr Gorbachov's offer of talks on removing intermediate nuclear forces from Europe, stressing that the West needed to read the small print.

Questioned in the Commons, she emphasized that "a great deal of work needs to be done" on the Soviet offer, sounding less enthusiastic than American and other European spokesmen so far.

Mrs Thatcher, whose office confirmed yesterday that her Moscow visit will begin on March 28 and end on April 1, consistently refused to accept Mr Kinnock's urgings that she should not make any deal on INF forces conditional upon an agreement to reduce short-range and tactical nuclear forces.

The Prime Minister, who pointed out that Britain was within range of the Soviet Union's short-range systems (in which the Russians are believed to have a six-to-one superiority over Nato) said that she had agreed with President Reagan at Camp David a year ago that priority should be given to INF reductions with a "restraint" on short-range systems deployed by the Soviet Union, which would have to be dealt with at the same time. Verification was also a key element.

It was "absolutely vital" that we had strict verification and negotiations to correct the "huge imbalance" in the Soviet Union's favour in short-range systems.

Mrs Thatcher was careful, however, never actually to say in so many words that any deal on INF was conditional upon an accompanying deal on short-range nuclear weapons systems.

In the exchanges with Mr Kinnock she emphasized the Government's claim that the offer of a deal on INF would never have come without the Western Allies' resolve to stand firm.

No detailed programme has yet been finalized for Mrs Thatcher's visit to Russia, despite yesterday's confirmation of the dates. Downing Street stressed that the Prime Minister does not have any plans to go on from Moscow to see President Reagan in Washington, but the prospect cannot be ruled out.

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Duke has operation

The Duke of Edinburgh has undergone an operation for a hernia.

The Duke, aged 65, who enjoys good health apart from arthritis in his wrists, was admitted to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London, on Friday night after returning from Rome, where he had addressed the NATO Defence College, and was discharged on Saturday.

After spending the weekend recuperating at Windsor Castle, he was fit enough to carry out two public engagements yesterday.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said last night: "The operation was a success and the Prince will continue carrying out his engagements."

Power bills frozen again

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Electricity consumers should have their bills frozen next month for the third year running and large industrial power consumers could have their bills trimmed by as much as 12 percent.

The Central Electricity Generating Board announced yesterday that the charges paid by the area electricity boards for supplies from power stations will be largely unchanged this year. The board was still being able to meet its profit target of £740 million.

As a whole the power supply industry will have no problem in meeting is profit target of over £1 billion this year, which will lead to demands from consumer organizations for price cuts when new tariffs are announced on April 1.

The new bulk tariff structure announced by the CEGB yesterday reflects its ability to buy more of its coal from British Coal at a price linked to the world coal price.

Mr John Baker, the CEGB corporate managing director, also disclosed yesterday that five sites are now being surveyed for the building of new coal-fired power stations: at West Burton on the Trent, Hams Hall in the West Midlands, Fawley near Southampton, Kingsnorth, Kent, and Killingholm on Humberside.

The CEGB is also advanced in its plans to build a family of pressurized water cooled reactor (PWR) nuclear power stations if the Government approves the plan to build the Sizewell B PWR station.

In the coming year about 18.3 per cent of electricity produced in Britain will come from nuclear power stations and a further 2 per cent will come across the channel from the French network.

● A future Labour government may abolish standing charges for pensioners on their gas and electricity bills, Mr Neil Kinnock said yesterday.

British Gas last night said their abolition for pensioners would cost "a fortune".

Sterling restrained

The pound's continued strength on foreign exchange markets yesterday prompted Bank of England intervention to restrain its rise.

Behind the pound's strength lies the high level of interest rates in Britain compared with other countries, and the receding prospect of a Labour government after the Greenwich by-election.

The Government also announced a rise in official reserves, stripping out borrowing transactions, of $287 million to $22.257 billion (£14.392 billion).

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Raisa Gorbachov fashions new image

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

The rapidly changing image of Soviet women under the influence of the stylish First Lady, Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, was symbolized yesterday when *Burda Moden*, the first Western fashion magazine to go on legal sale here, was launched with a glittering reception in the normally staid House of Trade Unions.

Leading models from New York and Western Europe flounced up and down the special catwalk to the sounds of the latest in amplified Western pop music as some 800 Soviet guests looked on in delight.

Outside, in blinding snow and temperatures of -15 degrees centigrade, black marketeers did a roaring trade in tickets for the unlikely extravaganza.

Even before the first 100,000 copies of the West German magazine were on sale in the new glossy Russian language edition (complete with advertisements for such un-Soviet brand names as Cartier, Wella, and American Express) Russian women were queuing at Moscow kiosks to place regular orders.

Although Mrs Gorbachov's promised appearance at the show — which included a see-through white evening gown and a special outsize model to match the traditional Russian figure — did not materialize, she earlier told Herr Friedrich Wilhelm Christians, head of the Deutsche Bank, that she saw the sale of the magazine as "her contribution to the democratization of women" in the Soviet Union.

The fashion quarterley, which plans to print 1 million copies of each of its new Soviet edition by 1989, is selling for 5 roubles (£5) a copy. Previously, black market copies, much prized because of their extensive patterns, sold for 50 roubles.

Soviet sources said they now expected the open sale of other Western publications.

Yesterday's fashion extravaganza took place among the statuesque white pillars and outsize chandeliers of the main Union building near Red Square.

Senior Soviet officials (some of whom had queued for personal tickets) mingled with hundreds of leading members of Moscow society.

The audience applauded enthusiastically as the 15 models — including one man in a sailor suit-style dinner jacket not usually seen here — went through their paces for more than an hour as disco music thumped through the brightly lit hall.

Despite the enthusiasm of the audience, which included the Soviet Union's own leading fashion designer, Slava Zaitzev, the Western atmosphere of the occasion, filmed for a special showing later on state television, was seen as likely to provoke further criticism from conservative Russians who believe the country is changing too fast under Mr Gorbachov's style of government.

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Pattie attacks £5bn research 'extravagance'

European Commission proposals for a £5 billion high-technology research and development programme were described yesterday as "unnecessarily extravagant" by Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology.

Mr Pattie defended the Government's proposal to limit expenditure on the five-year programme to £3 billion as a means of achieving more effective research.

The minister dismissed claims by British scientists that rejection of the European plan would lead to research projects being abandoned and to a further exodus of research and development staff.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Crew abandons gelignite ship

Four French and British navy vessels were put on alert yesterday when the crew of a Danish coaster, the Hornestrand, abandoned ship after reporting that it was on fire.

The crew's speedy exit was because the vessel was carrying 400 tons of seismic gelatine explosive, used in geological surveys to bounce shock waves off layers of rock beneath the Earth's surface.

The five crew members paddled their lifeboat in the direction of a tanker, the Carupanu. But it was carrying liquid gas, and was prevented from approaching for fear that it might contribute to a possible explosion.

After two hours the crew were winched to safety by a French helicopter, and taken to Cherbourg.

The Hornestrand, smoke still wafting from its hatches, was declared a danger to shipping after it drifted into busy sea traffic lanes about 33 miles off the English coast.

Two French warships, the Henaff and Glaive, and two Royal Navy vessels, HMS Beaver and HMS Engadine, were standing guard over the vessel last night.

Paisley protest

A decree was issued against the Rev Ian Paisley yesterday for his refusal to pay £359 in rates as a protest at the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

The Democratic Unionist Party leader told Belfast magistrates he was not prepared to pay the demand for his home in the city because it had been set by a foreign government.

Outside the court Mr Paisley said the presbytery of his Free Presbyterian Church had also decided not to pay rates on property it owned.

Patients 'mislaid'

Manchester health officials were urgently reorganizing hospital waiting lists yesterday after the files of 250 patients, many needing immediate surgery, were found in a clerk's drawer.

Bolton Health Authority said a woman clerk in the appointments department at the town's general hospital had held files dating back to October.

Included were applications for immediate treatment for a number of people, possibly as many as 40, suffering from malignant diseases.

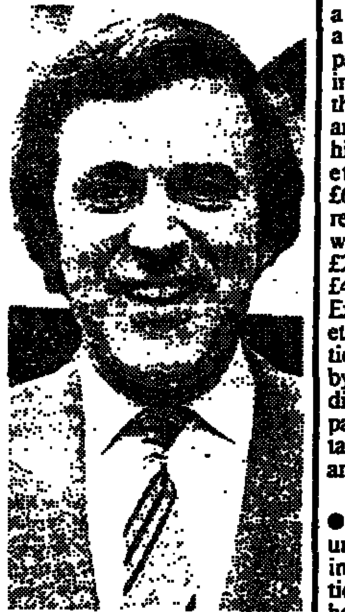
Rail crash inquiry

British Rail was yesterday trying to find out why a train from Shrewsbury was on the wrong section of track when it crashed into a stationary train waiting for it to pass.

Mr David Mitchell, the Minister of State for Transport, told the Commons that one of the trains had passed at "danger" the signal controlling entry to a single-line section of the track leading to Welshpool.

The accident happened just before 9pm on Monday. The 47 passengers involved were taken to hospital but had all been allowed home by yesterday afternoon.

Winning Wogan



Readers of *TV Times* have voted Terry Wogan their favourite male TV personality for the ninth successive year. Cilla Black was top female personality.

Other winners: Best actress (shared): *EastEnders* star Anita Dobson and Julia McKenzie (*Fresh Fields* and *Absent Friends*); best actor: Peter Egan (*Paradise Postponed*); male and female comedy: Anton Rodgers and Julia McKenzie; game show: *Blockbusters*; commercial: *Oxo*; group: Five Star; sports personality: Jimmy Greaves.

Radio link for MPs

A radio paging service which would be available to all MPs within the Palace of Westminster has been suggested by the computer sub-committee of the Commons Services Committee, whose members like to keep the House abreast of technological developments.

However to prevent ministers in full cry being silenced by a hundred bleepers, they would have to be of the flashing or vibrating variety.

Labour seeks polls to curb London left

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Labour leaders are backing proposals for annual elections in the London boroughs as a means of curbing the activities of hard left councils which are damaging the party's national standing.

A new opinion poll yesterday added to Labour MPs' depression by showing a six-point drop in the party's national position since last Thursday's Greenwich by-election upset.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's environment spokesman, said during the second reading debate on the Local Government Bill in the Commons yesterday that after the abolition of the Greater London Council there would now be an electoral test in London only once every four years. There are annual elections in almost all district councils outside London.

That was too long, he said, and if the Government was prepared to bring forward a proposal for elections in the London boroughs each year by rotation and discuss it in advance Labour would raise no impediment.

But behind Mr Straw's challenge was the view of senior Labour figures that annual elections would be the best way of discouraging high-spending by some Labour authorities and keeping them more in tune with their electorates.

There is despair among Labour MPs about the effect that the activities of such councils and the reports of imminent rate rises of up to 80 per cent are having on the party's reputation.

The plan for annual elections was put forward in Labour's consultative document on local government published last month, and is backed by the Association of London Authorities.

After the by-election defeat of the far left Miss Deirdre Wood, the centre-right Labour Solidarity Campaign renewed its campaign to change party rules in order to involve all party members in the selection of parliamentary candidates on a one member, one vote principle.

Mr Neil Kinnock narrowly failed in a move to introduce the concept more than two years ago. The Labour national executive decided in November, against the opposition of the left, to consult local parties about changes in the system, which leave selections in the hands of often unrepresentative general management committees.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, chairman of Labour Solidarity, said yesterday that after Greenwich the need to change the party's rules concerning the selection of parliamentary candidates was clear and self-evident.

Walker calls for radical changes in tax system

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, yesterday recommended tax changes to allow Britain's managers to be rewarded as well as company proprietors in an intensified programme to develop the capital-owning democracy in Britain.

He also called for the final year of every child's education to include a week of instruction in how to buy a house, get a mortgage and buy shares.

Mr Walker says firms should be allowed to take funds from their capital to pay to a manager they wished to attract on a service contract for some years. He or she would pay the lower rate of capital gains tax rather than income tax on the sum.

At present, said Mr Walker, a chief executive brought into a firm to boost profits and paid a salary of £60,000 would immediately lose £30,000 of that in tax and national insurance contributions, leaving him a net £30,000. The proprietor meanwhile, taking £60,000 in extra profits as a result of the manager's efforts, would pay corporation tax of £20,000, leaving him a net £40,000. On the average Stock Exchange rating, the proprietor would also see the valuation of his company increase by £500,000. If he decided to dispose of his capital he would pay a 30 per cent capital gains tax and would still be left with an extra £350,000.

Mr Walker also called for:

● Pupils to be taught about unit trusts and National Savings schemes, how institutional shareholders work, and how to start up a business with the aid available. Mr Walker's idea is that each child would then be given a book of perhaps 150 pages encapsulating a guide to the capital-owning democracy.

● A further extension of privatization to free industries from political interference.

● The handing over of the majority of council houses, as Mr Walker has urged before, to tenants.

● An intensification of efforts to encourage small business creation, with conferences and advisory services organized across the country.

● All companies with more than 20 employees to provide a copy of their accounts to all employees and an annual meeting where they could each ask a question, coupled with more stock option and employee share ownership schemes.

● The establishment of local financial markets, allowing firms in need of risk capital to tap into the local financial and business community, perhaps through the office of a local firm of chartered accountants or similar body.

Mr Walker said: "A combination of these policies could transform the commercial and political environment of Britain."

He said that the Government had already achieved a revolution with its programme of privatization. In 1979, only 2 million people had had experience of owning shares, all middle class and many elderly. Now 83 per cent of shareholders are under 65 and more than 65 per cent are ordinary wage earners.

Company cars still a popular perk

Employees are getting a wider choice of company cars, but firms are trying to keep tighter control on use and fuel according to a report out this month. Cars are also being kept longer.

Yet the "perk" works out cheaper for companies and car users than would replacing the car with more salary, it says.

Even tax changes due to come into effect next month will not change that, it concludes.

Company Car Policy (Monks Partnership, Debden Green, Saffron Walden, Essex. Tel: 0371 830939).

Mrs Rosie Barnes, the new SDP MP, on her way to take her seat yesterday.

Alliance dubbed Peter Pans

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party chairman, yesterday launched a post Greenwich offensive against the SDP/Liberal Alliance — just as the latest opinon poll showed them in their best electoral position since last summer.

With Mrs Rosie Barnes, runaway victor in last week's by-election, taking her seat in the Commons last night, Mr Tebbit described the Alliance as an opportunist partnership between the Peter Pans of politics, "those for whom 'wishing will make it so' and the retread socialists of the SDP".

After admitting at the weekend the Conservatives had failed to deal with the Alliance threat, Mr Tebbit spoke of the "escape route from reality" offered by the two parties.

His typically robust attack came as a Harris poll for TV-am put the Conservatives on 36 per cent, Labour on 33 per cent and the Alliance on 29 per cent. That is the best showing for the SDP and Liberals since last August.

Mr Tebbit was speaking at an Aims of Industry lunch in London. He said the policies of the SDP and Liberals, "to the extent they can be discerned and coincide", would be as bad for business as when David Owen practised them in the last Labour government.

They would lead to higher inflation which would set off wild pay demands and make longer term investment decisions almost impossible "just as in the past".

He recalled how SDP leaders were former ministers of Callaghan and Wilson governments and how Mrs Shirley Williams admitted to still believing in the aims and policies contained in Labour manifestos of the 1970s.

Palace press secretary

Navy officer who turned diplomat

By Nicholas Beeston

A career diplomat and former Royal Navy officer who impressed the Queen during her tour of India in 1983 was appointed her new press secretary yesterday.

Mr Robin Janvrin, aged 40, the deputy head of personnel operations at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, will take up his new post at Buckingham Palace on Monday and work alongside the present press secretary, Mr Michael Shea, until he leaves in June.

Mr Janvrin said yesterday: "I am honoured and delighted to have been asked and very much looking forward to starting next week".

He said it was too early to comment about his new job and the circumstances of his appointment.

However, it is believed he impressed the Queen during her visit to India in 1983, where as a first secretary at the High Commission in New Delhi he helped to organize the royal tour.

He is said to have come into frequent contact with the royal household during the tour and the Queen made him a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order for his work.

Mr Janvrin was educated at Marlborough College before joining the Navy as a cadet at Dartmouth in 1964. After receiving his commission he went to Brasenose College, Oxford, where he read politics, philosophy and economics, taking a first in 1969.

After naval service in the Far East and in Britain he joined the Foreign Office as a second secretary in 1975.

He was promoted to the rank of first secretary the next year and posted to the United Kingdom delegation to Nato in Brussels for a two-year tour.

After a brief tour in London he was moved to New Delhi in 1981 before returning to Whitehall with the rank of counsellor to take up his present job.

Mr Janvrin is married with three children.

Michael Shea resigns as Palace spokesman

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"We have had very good relations between Press and Palace, on the whole, but there will always be differences between what the media wants and what the Palace feels it should divulge. Relations go up and down, but they are very reasonable at present".

The real reason for Mr Shea's departure, apart from an unusually long tenure which included two royal weddings, is almost certainly financial. Royal household salaries are confidential, but the post of press secretary is believed to carry a remuneration of just under £30,000, together with a grace-and-favour house. By moving to Hanson, Mr Shea will almost certainly double his salary.

He has always supplemented his salary by writing thrillers and a variety of other books.

As Hanson's director of public affairs, a new post to which he has been appointed largely on the basis of his American experience, Mr Shea is likely to find media coverage a good deal less universally favourable than it is towards the royal family. Hanson is regarded by many in the City as an asset stripper.

Unions warn of school strikes

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Leaders of the two biggest teaching unions in England and Wales are expected to announce on Friday that their members have voted by an overwhelming majority for a new round of strikes and other disruptive action.

The National Union of Teachers predicted yesterday that virtually every school would be affected by a half-day strike during the fortnight beginning a week today. Most schools may be forced to close more than once because the unions are planning to coordinate their action to maximize its impact.

They are also planning to co-ordinate the disruption that will come after the strikes. Both the NUT and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers believe that the scope for disruption has been increased by the new conditions of service announced on Monday by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the NAS/UWT, said his union was expecting a "very heavy" yes vote.

The NUT suggested that secondary schools would be vulnerable and particularly those in inner London.

Just how vulnerable was underlined by the Inner London Education Authority's admission yesterday that thousands of primary and secondary children are being sent home every week because teachers are refusing to take classes for absent colleagues.

Figures extracted from the authority by Mr Dominic Brennan, an SDP member, show, for example, that in the week beginning February 9, a total of 6,860 "pupil sessions" were lost in that way. A session is a morning or an afternoon.

The details of the new contract and the new rates of pay are spelt out in full page advertisements in today's newspapers. The advertisements include a facsimile of a letter from Mr Baker headed "Dear Teacher".

Whitehall unions reject offer

The Government was yesterday heading for a potentially damaging Civil Service strike after four of the unions involved rejected the Treasury's offer of a 4 per cent rise or £4.50 per week.

The unions, which represent more than 300,000 members, warned the Government that unless the offer was quickly improved industrial action would be unavoidable.

The unions, including the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) and the Inland Revenue Staff Federation (IRSF), received their offer a few minutes after they had called a press conference to highlight their campaign.

They had asked for a flat rate increase of £20 for the low paid and 15 per cent for the better paid.

However, while the consortium of four unions launched a virulent attack on the Government, with the IRSF general secretary, Mr Tony Christopher, accusing the Prime Minister of thinking that Civil Servants were only unproductive, paper-shuffling Sir Humphrey Applebys, the Institution of Professional Civil Servants (IPCS) announced its own pay deal worth up to 11 per cent.

The deal is spread over 28 months and worth between 10 and 11 per cent for scientists and technians and between 6 and 10 per cent for other groups by April 1988.

The four other unions had their own suspicions of why the IPCS were offered such a good deal. Mr Leslie Christie, general secretary of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, said: "It's a classic case of divide and rule."

The four unions, backed up by an initial strike fund of £3 million, are threatening to refuse to administer any proposed tax changes in the budget. If the Treasury's offer is not increased the unions will hold a ballot on selective strike action on March 23.

Tamils' torture dossier sent to Hurd

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Tamils at a detention centre in Sri Lanka have described to a doctor how they were tortured and beaten by the security forces.

Now a dossier of 17 cases of people seeking asylum in Britain is to be offered to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

The doctor, who went to Sri Lanka as an independent witness lists a catalogue of alleged assaults.

In one case a victim was said to have been slashed with a razor blade, and in another a lighted cigarette was used to inflict eight burns.

Other cases of alleged ill-treatment in a single detention camp included:

● A bus conductor who received a deep wound to his left arm from a rifle blow. The doctor said his statement was consistent with the scar.

● A youth who said he was beaten on the head with a plastic pipe, dragged by his arms across rough ground, and stamped on with heavy army boots. Three months later it still gives him pain.

● Another Tamil was beaten by a soldier using a wooden rod, he says. The doctor found two scars on his left leg consistent with his description.

● One man arrested by the security forces was apparently beaten with sand-filled pipes and kicked by soldiers.

The doctor saw only a sample of 58 Tamils who are seeking asylum, those who were detained in one place. They are among 27 of whom the UK Immigrants Advisory Service has already obtained details.

Mr David Burgess, solicitor for the 58 said that many of them had had relatives killed or injured by the security forces.

One man had his young daughter killed on the balcony in front of him by casual firing.

Mr Burgess said the details of the cases showed that the Home Office was being disingenuous in claiming that the Tamils were applying for asylum in bad faith.

Mr Sinnappu Maharasingam, chairman of the Tamil Action Committee, said yesterday that a march on Thursday which was to have ended at the Law Courts would now go to the Sri Lankan High Commission. About 1,000 Tamils were expected, he said.

They will be protesting about government action in the Tamil homelands in the north east of the island.

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Car workers end stoppage over punk

By Craig Seton

A lightning strike which cost Austin Rover more than £2 million in lost production is over, but the green-haired punk at the centre of the dispute was unrepentant yesterday.

Mr Darren Kelly, aged 19, who sports a Mohican-style haircut and a rose tattoo on his scalp, was dismissed for what management claimed was an appalling record of absenteeism at the Longbridge plant in Birmingham.

But Mr Kelly, of Northfield, Birmingham, insisted: "I was victimized because of my appearance".

After Mr Kelly was dismissed, more than 180 workers in the trim shop walked out in sympathy on Monday morning, halting all production of the Rover 200 car.

After an urgent meeting with shop stewards yesterday, the men agreed to return.

Austin Rover, which is furious at the bad publicity the dispute attracted, has agreed to meet unions at national level for more talks about Mr Kelly.

But senior management have already made it clear that he will not be reinstated.

Fake solicitor charge

A man accused of acting as a solicitor without being qualified was remanded on bail yesterday when magistrates in Wigan adjourned the case for a month.

Nigel Lawrence Duckworth, aged 29, of Blackburn Road, Accrington, Lancashire, faces four charges of acting as a qualified solicitor and two others of dishonestly obtaining pecuniary advantage and falsely stating he was a solicitor of the supreme court.

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Hunt for a motive after 'execution' of three students

By Ian Smith

Three young students were stabbed to death as they sat in their bedsitters studying for examinations. The murderer then tried to hide his crime by setting fire to the terraced house they shared.

Armed police were put on standby immediately the crime was discovered when firemen arrived to fight the blaze in Christ Church Street, Preston, Lancashire, at 9pm on Monday evening.

Detectives were instructed to summon reinforcements if they cornered the assailant. Police have so far been unable to establish any motive for what was described by Det Chief Supt Norman Finnerty as the act of a vicious and dangerous man who had coldly executed three innocent victims.

Mr Finnerty said: "The attacks were coldly executed by one man and possibly more. Under no circumstances should the public attempt to become involved."

Policemen on hands and knees carried out an inch-by-inch search of the cobbled street near the centre of Preston and special equipment was brought in to scoop out debris from drains in an attempt to find the murder weapon.

Two of the murder victims have been identified, Tahir Iqubal, aged 21, from Marigold Street, Rochdale, Lancashire, and Ejaz Yousah, aged 23, of Entwhistle Road, Rochdale. The third, whose body was most severely burnt, is believed to be Peter William John Mosley, aged 21, of Cheadle in Staffordshire.

Mr Iqubal, identified from dental records, was a first year accountancy student at Lancaster Polytechnic in Preston. His colleague, Ejaz Yousah, was in his third year of an electronics course at the polytechnic. Mr Mosley was on a sandwich course at British Nuclear Fuels in Salwick, near Preston, from Thames Polytechnic in London.

When called to the house, detectives found all three students slumped over college textbooks with multiple stab wounds. Fuel had been splashed in various rooms throughout the house.

Mr Finnerty said it was one of the most serious crimes Lancashire police had experienced and nothing in the victims' backgrounds suggested a motive.

He said: "These boys were perfectly respectable lads, industrious, hard-working, and not involved in anything shady whatsoever. Each one of them is a youngster any family would have been proud to have had in their midst."

The murders had been committed in a sadistic, almost professional manner but whether by one man or several as yet remains a mystery.

Mr Mohammed Yousah said his son had returned to Preston only hours before the murder after spending the weekend at his family's home in Rochdale. Mr Yousah said: "He really enjoyed life and was extremely happy at college. We are devastated."

Campaign on laws to protect animals

The RSPCA has launched a publicity campaign to persuade the Government to strengthen Britain's animal welfare laws.

Officers yesterday released details of the record 83,300 complaints of animal cruelty made in 1986 and warned the Government that existing legislation did not cope with a modern trend towards extreme violence.

Badger baiting, dog fighting and cat coursing are among the illegal, but increasingly popular, blood sports which the animal welfare organization wants to see confronted with tougher legal provisions.

In 1986 there were more than 30 recorded cases of badger baiting in England and Wales where even side bets often exceeded the maximum £1,000 penalty for the offence. The RSPCA believes criminally organized dog fights happen every weekend.

But its priority is to see police given the power of entry where a case of cruelty is supected. Under the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, the police cannot get a search warrant even when they know about ill-treatment.

Another legal inadequacy highlighted by the RSPCA yesterday was that courts lack the power to ban people convicted of cruelty from keeping animals apart from dogs.

In the wake of a case in the High Court last year when it was ruled that a man who beat a hedgehog to death had not committed any criminal offence because the animal was not "captive", the RSPCA wants to close what it regards as a loophole by changing the legal definition of "captive" to include wild animals that are unable to escape.

Miss Janet Fookes, the Conservative MP for Plymouth, Drake and chairman of the parliamentary group for animal welfare, is expected to table an early day motion in the Commons this week in an effort to mobilize political support for legal reform in spite of likely opposition from proponents of legal field sports.

Coursing fans taunt protesters

By Ian Smith

Anti-field sports demonstrators were jeered and taunted as they waved protest placards yesterday at the start of the Waterloo Cup, the premier event in hare-coursing, at Altcar, Lancashire.

Mr Lindsay Rogers, a director of the League Against Cruel Sports, said every year hares were moved from their natural habitats to the "killing-field", a claim disputed by Sir Mark Prescott, the racehorse trainer, who is a steward of the coursing meeting.

Only a handful of the hares were caught and killed, he said. The interest in the sport lay in watching the skill of greyhounds, not slaughtering

It was the 143rd Waterloo Cup meeting. The contest was started as an eight-dog stake, in 1836, by Mr William Lynn, instigator of the Grand National.

The owner of the top dog at this year's three-day event will receive £3,000 as well as the trophy.

Top dogs' scientist expelled

Dr Malcolm Willis, a senior lecturer in animal breeding and genetics at Newcastle University, has been expelled from the Kennel Club for publicly criticizing its policies.

It is the first time the club has taken such a step

Dr Willis has written articles in dog breeders' magazines criticizing what he says is the club's discrimination against his favourite breed, the German Shepherd. He also accused it of not doing enough to prevent inbreeding.

He is a member of the club's breeding standards sub-committee and is genetic adviser to the joint Kennel Club — British Veterinary Association standing committee on abnormalities in dogs.

Dr Willis appeared before the committee at the Kennel Club's headquarters in Piccadilly yesterday and was expelled under the club's Rule 18, which says no member of the Kennel Club can communicate with the press on anything which concerns the management of the club.

Diabetics get free needles

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Diabetics who need regular injections of insulin are to receive free disposable syringes, the Government announced yesterday.

About 200,000 people will benefit in a scheme that will cost the health service about £10 million a year.

Mr Tony Newton, the Minister for Health, giving details in the Commons yesterday, acknowledged that the existing system, in which diabetics are provided with re-usable syringes, was widely regarded as unsatisfactory.

The new plastic syringes do not need to be sterilized, are smaller, lighter and easier to use. They will replace glass equipment which has been the cause of many complaints because it is breakable, inconvenient to use away from home, and difficult for child diabetics.

The syringes will be available on prescription, which will effectively make them free because diabetics are exempt from prescription charges.

About a million people in Britain suffer from diabetes, and about one in five need insulin injections to stabilize their condition.

The British Diabetic Association and some MPs have been campaigning for the introduction of the disposable syringes for several years. That campaign had influenced the Government in its decision, Mr Newton said.

One factor believed to have also played a role was the decision to offer free syringes to drug addicts in an effort to control the spread of Aids

Supporters of the campaign have argued that the case for a similar provision to diabetics was at least as strong.

"It was totally illogical to act on behalf of drug abusers while ignoring the plight of diabetics", Dr Arnold Bloom, vice-president of the British Diabetic Association, said last night. "The Government's decision is very welcome news. We have been struggling to achieve this for the last three or four years."

Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State at the Scottish Office with responsibility for health and social work, said about 16,000 diabetics in Scotland would benefit.

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Business travellers' costs

Tokyo tops list for expense

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Tokyo and Stockholm rank as the most expensive cities on Earth for business travellers, according to a survey published yesterday by Employment Conditions Abroad.

The latest trawl of living costs around the world by the trade association, which advises companies employing people abroad, discloses that a day spent in Tokyo is likely to cost the average businessman £192 compared with £123 in London, sixteenth on the list.

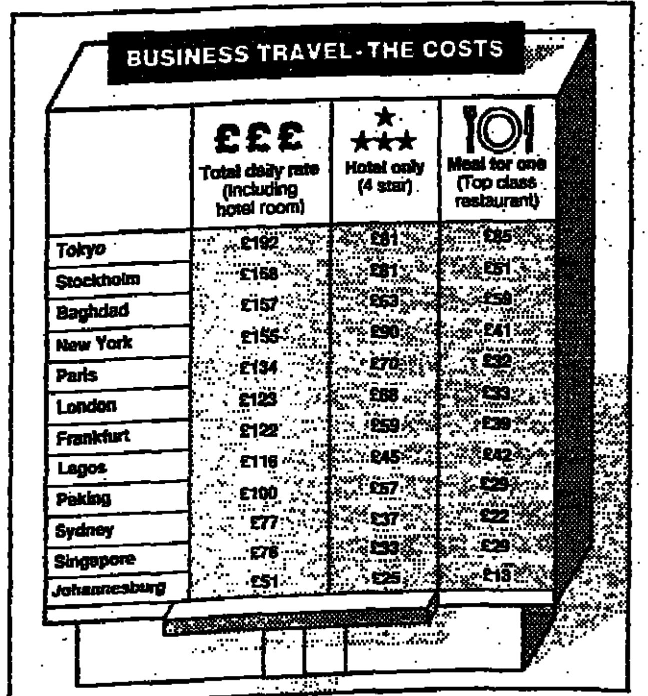
A meal for one in a top Tokyo restaurant would be £85, in Baghdad £59, and in Stockholm £51. In London it would cost £33, in Paris £32, and in Lusaka, Zambia, £9.

Daily expense rates for the business traveller in the United Kingdom have increased by 5 per cent since last year. The country's international position has barely shifted while other locations had moved dramatically, the survey said.

Japan, West Germany and France have become relatively more expensive because of the strengthening of the local currency against the pound. Trinidad, however, has fallen from its position as the most expensive location last year to 44th in the latest list.

The survey returns contained several revealing gems. The dresses on sale in Mexican supermarkets were judged to be suitable only for ladies of the night.

One kilogram of oranges in Iraq would cost £8.41, the same weight of potatoes in Sierra Leone would be £1.24 and of bananas 15p.



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	£££ Total daily rate (including hotel room)	★★★★ Hotel only (4 star)	Meal for one (Top class restaurant)
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Stockholm	£158	£81	£51
Baghdad	£157	£63	£59
New York	£155	£90	£41
Paris	£134	£70	£32
London	£123	£68	£33
Frankfurt	£122	£59	£39
Lagos	£116	£45	£42
Peking	£100	£57	£29
Sydney	£77	£37	£22
Singapore	£76	£33	£29
Johannesburg	£51	£25	£13

The Duchess of York riding Aldaniti, the 1981 Grand National winner, through the grounds of Windsor Castle yesterday to raise £1,000 for cancer victims. The Duchess is one of 250 people who will each ride Aldaniti for a mile on a five-week trek to Liverpool in an attempt to raise £500,000 for the Bob Champion Cancer Trust. Aldaniti, now retired from racing, set off from Buckingham Palace on Sunday. Princess Anne will take the saddle at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival. Other riders will include Lynsey de Paul and Alvin Stardust. Champion will complete the final mile to Aintree before the start of this year's Grand National. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Empress a test of car taste

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The notion that spending a lot of money is some guarantee of good taste took a knock at the unveiling yesterday of what is claimed to be the most expensive motor car yet to be produced for private sale.

Two customers have already turned down the chance to own perhaps 10 Jaguars or four Ferrari Testarossas, and opted instead to spend £275,000 on the Empress II.

The car costs £170,000 more than the Bentley Turbo R, on which it is based. Built by Hooper & Co, the London-based coachbuilder once famous for its custom-built Rolls-Royce bodies, the awkwardly-styled Empress, which made its debut at the Geneva Motor Show, is devoid of bygone elegance and grace.

However, beyond the dated and faintly American styling, complemented by chrome wire wheels, it is still possible to appreciate the skills that Hooper & Co still apply to Buckingham Palace's horse-drawn carriages.

Between the 15 Scandinavian leather hides and acres of walnut veneer is an incongruous rear-view television screen, plus the inevitable drinks cabinet.

● A car steering wheel with a telephone keypad in the centre has been developed for car telephone users who want to avoid the danger of punching numbers into a normal handset.

The steering wheel, which uses an infra-red sensor to activate a control box on the steering column, has developed by Rinspeed, a Swiss company better known for its exotic Porsche conversions. It will retail for about £500.

Double attack on insurance industry

By Peter Gartland
and Craig Seton

The insurance industry was yesterday criticized for not alerting policy-holders to changes in cover and for failing to provide adequate services to inner city businesses.

Mr James Haswell, the insurance ombudsman, said that when insurance companies reduce the scope of cover on renewal of annual policies, the changes "must not be hidden under a bushel, but must be allowed to shine forth".

He was speaking in London on publication of The Insurance Ombudsman's Bureau report for 1986.

The bureau dealt with almost 6,000 inquiries last year, of which slightly more than half fell within its terms of reference. In the 1,017 cases completed, the insurance company's decision was revised in 218 cases.

Insurance companies were also criticized after surveys in Birmingham and Brixton, south-west London, showed that small firms in areas affected by riots could not get insurance or faced crippling rises in premiums of up to 500 per cent.

Birmingham City Council's report, released yesterday, said while the average rise in insurance premiums throughout the city was 28 per cent, in Lozells, where there had been riots, it was 73 per cent.

After a survey of five businesses in Brixton, Mr Greg Tucker, Lambeth council's economic and employment committee chairman, said: "It shows that major insurance companies now have a policy of avoiding and restricting the provision of cover in Brixton"

The Association of British Insurers said that since November a special facility had been available, run by the association and the Department of Employment, to provide advice to businesses encountering problems. There had been only seven cases referred from Birmingham.

Mr Bob Smith, Birmingham spokesman for the association, said: "Obviously in certain areas you have a higher incidence of thefts, burglaries, vandalism and fires and you have to take these risks into account".

Portfolio —Gold—

Winning a bit of frivolity

Four readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Rosie Pepperell, aged 38, from Exminster, Exeter, in Devon, plans to be "a little frivolous" with her £1,000.

"I am going to have a bit of fun, and buy some clothes before my accountant gets hold of it", she laughed. She thought she might just let her three children, Daniel, Patrick and Alice have some, "but I am not letting them get any ideas!"

Another of yesterday's winners was Mrs Elizabeth Haigh, of Chichester Road, Sandgate, Folkestone, in Kent.

Mrs Haigh, who is aged over 70, is going to spend most of her prize on a donation to the Abbeyfield Home for the Elderly in Folkestone. "It is the second home they have opened here so we are all very pleased", she said. She has been a reader of *The Times* for many years, and said she would keep playing Portfolio Gold.

Mrs Rosie Pepperell, plans to buy clothes.

A training instructor for *British Rail at King's Cross* was the third lucky reader. Mr Alan Forest, aged 29, of Hickling Close, Bedford, was busy at work, but his wife *Catherine, who has a small* daughter, said: "We have not got a car so I expect he will put it towards that".

The fourth winner was Mrs *G Morgan who lives in* Ammanford, Dyfed.

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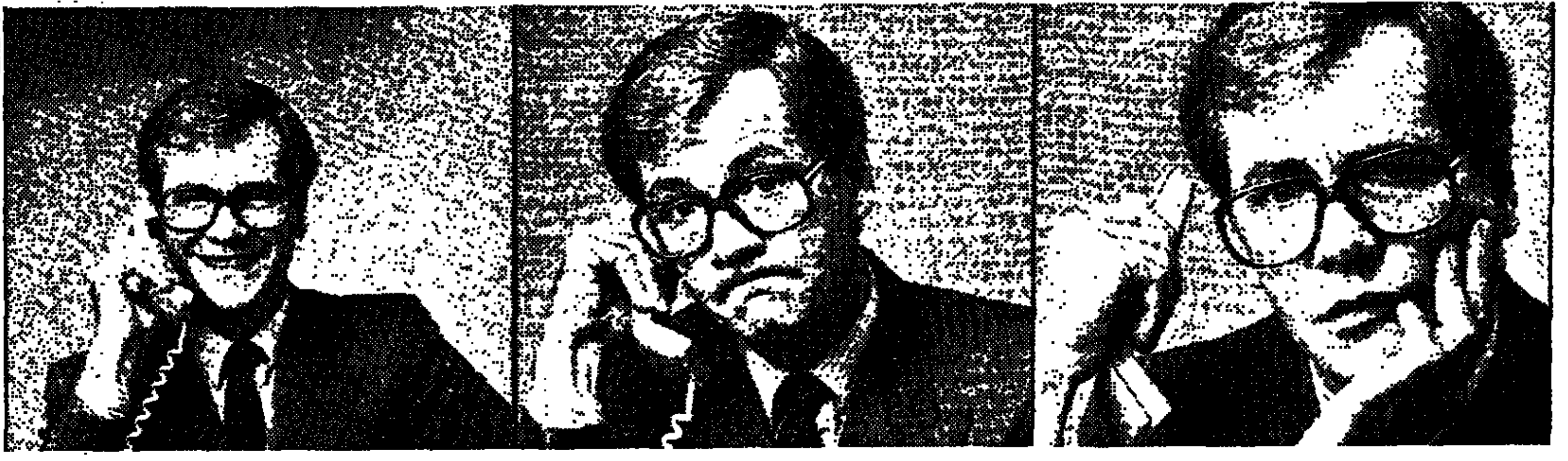

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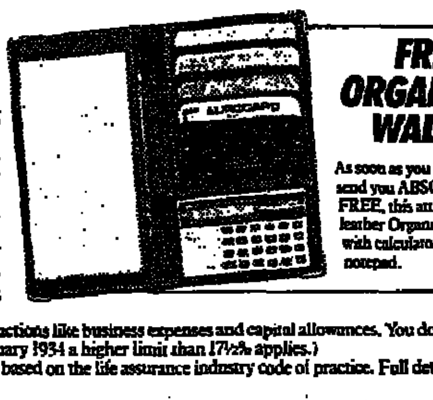

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PARLIAMENT

Airlines will face £1,000 fines over fake refugees

HOME OFFICE

Airlines and shipping companies bringing into Britain people claiming to be refugees and other travellers who have no valid documents entitling them to come here may face charges of up to £1,000 a passenger, MPs were told.

In a statement, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said that legislation would be introduced tomorrow and the new rules would apply from midnight.

He also told the Commons that he had decided to make fresh individual decisions on each of the 64 Tamils who arrived in Britain more than two weeks ago and claimed asylum.

Mr Hurd said: Many Western countries have become increasingly concerned in recent years at the large number of people who seek entry with forged or fabricated passports, or visas, or without any documents at all.

Very often they, or the organizers of their journeys, know that they have no legitimate claim to entry, but hope the absence of documents will hinder the immigration authorities in securing their return.

At the same time large numbers of people who aim to find a more secure or prosperous life in Western countries have been abusing asylum procedures as a means of evading immigration controls.

Last year, during the United Kingdom presidency, the ministers of the interior of the European Community set work in hand on these problems. Last week I sent a message to the Belgian presidency expressing the Government's hope that that work will be pressed forward urgently.

In December and January 600 people arrived and sought asylum, the large majority of whom did not have the right documents. It is only recently that members of the public and of this House have become generally aware of the problems facing us.

The Government has been considering what action to take to prevent evasion of visa requirements and the abuse of asylum claims as a means of securing entry.

The Government has decided to introduce legislation tomorrow to give power to impose a charge on carriers who bring to this country people who require leave to enter the United Kingdom but who carry no valid passport or other identity document, and those who have no valid visa where one is required by the immigration rules.

The charge would be £1,000 for each passenger without valid documents and would be applied from midnight tomorrow. The carrier would not be liable to pay if he could show that the passenger had the necessary valid documents when he boarded the ship or aircraft or in the case of forged documents or visas that the forgery was not reasonably apparent.

Payment would be enforceable, if necessary, by civil action in much the same way as detention and removal costs can already be recovered from carriers.

This change in the law would reinforce the messages already given to airlines and other carriers that they have a responsibility for ensuring that those who wish to travel here have obtained the necessary papers before they do so. A similar provision already operates in many other countries, including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and, more recently, West Germany and Denmark.

In the cases of the Tamils who have last weekend been given by a court leave to move for judicial review, I have to take account of the passage of time — now more than two weeks — since their arrival and of the fact that the litigation is likely to take further time to resolve given the rights of appeal on either side.

Moreover, I understand that UKIAS (United Kingdom Immigrants' Advisory Service) has already been able to interview many of the applicants.

In these circumstances and in the light of the outcome of last week's court proceedings, I have decided that the most sensible way forward is to refer to UKIAS each of the 64 cases and thereafter to reach fresh individual decisions in the light of all the relevant facts, including any representations UKIAS may wish to make.

In doing so, I shall take account of any other representations I receive, including those from MPs. In the circumstances, I would expect to receive representations by Wednesday March 18 and to take decisions after that. My willingness to proceed in this way has been conveyed to the applicants' solicitors and UKIAS.

For the future we need to change our procedures to ensure that we are properly protected against immigration rackets which take advantage of our generous procedures. In particular, we must not allow procedures which were intended originally as safeguards to become the vehicle by which those who have no entitlement to come here, whether as refugees or whatever other capacity, obtain their ends.

Accordingly, the present arrangements under which my department refers cases to UKIAS will be revised and I shall be inviting UKIAS to join discussions to that end.

I should stress, however, that the present arrangement does not involve the reference of all cases, and for the avoidance of doubt I must place on record that in future there will be cases which will not be referred to UKIAS, and that therefore applicants for asylum can have no expectation in future that as a result of the arrangement arrived at in 1983 or otherwise there will in their cases be such a reference.

Similarly, there will be instances where early removal is necessary in the interests of immigration control, and it would not be right for me to defer removal on an MP seeking to put a stop on the case.

It follows that those who seek to challenge in the courts decisions to refuse asylum cannot expect that they will automatically be allowed to stay here until procedures are completed.

The Government remains fully committed to its obligations under the United Nations 1951 convention to genuine refugees as defined in that convention.

The decisions which I make as Home Secretary on individual cases will respect that obligation. But we have to find the right means of preventing abuse of the asylum provisions and preventing evasion of the visa requirements which Parliament has endorsed. The policies which I have announced aim to strike that balance.

Hurd 'is having to swallow a great many words'

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said: In making this statement, he is having to swallow a great many words uttered by the Minister of State (Mr David Waddington) the week before last.

Mr Waddington told the House on February 17 that it was quite obvious from the examination carried out by the immigration officers at the port that the claims made by these Tamils were manifestly bogus.

(Conservative MPs: That is right. Labour MPs: How the hell to you know?)

But Mr Hurd has now decided that he disagrees with Mr Waddington and that he is not after all satisfied that these claims are manifestly bogus.

Mr Waddington told the House on February 18 that the Government would contest any application for judicial review. The Government has now completely reversed that stand on the 64 Tamils in order to dodge the adverse outcome of a judicial review.

It is because he fears that if he does not abandon his position in the House of Commons he will be knocked off it in a court of law. That is the reason he has announced this change in his position.

Now he is coming to the House with news of a hasty piece of panic legislation which has nothing to do with general immigration control but is to meet what he views as a special situation.

We are against bogus refugees who wish to exploit Britain's hospitality and we certainly condemn greedy-for-money racketeers who prey on the vulnerability of people like the 64 Tamils.

But even people who are prey to greedy-for-money racketeers may all the same be bona fide refugees and the problem arises in finding a procedure to identify bona fide refugees.

The Home Secretary has recognized this by deciding to reach fresh decisions on the 64 and refer each of the cases to the United Kingdom Immigrants' Advisory Service.

What, in future, will be the position of bona fide refugees without visas who arrive here under the new legislation? For example, if someone like Mr Sharansky arrived here from Russia without a visa the airline would be fined and Mr Sharansky would be turned away because he did not have a visa. The Prime Minister would not have been able to meet him in those circumstances.

The same goes for other seekers of political asylum from Eastern Europe, Iran, Afghanistan, South Africa, Chile and elsewhere.

In these circumstances, it is clear that the words of Mr Waddington were baseless when he stated that the Government was determined to honour its obligations under the United Nations convention.

The fact is that a problem has arisen with which the Government has found itself unable to cope without panic legislation.

Mr Hurd: I am not at all clear from that where the Opposition stands on the basic question of immigration control. Last year it proposed to leave open the loophole for so-called visitors which we closed and now it proposes leaving open, although the evidence is clear before them, the loophole for so-called refugees.

I do not know how, in the face of its determination to leave every available loophole open, the Opposition can say it is in favour of effective control.

Truro by-election

A spring in the Tory step

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

For probably the first time in this Parliament, Conservative Party activists have a spring in their step as they tread the by-election circuit once more in the Cornish seat of Truro.

Rather like an old boxer attempting a comeback, they know they have something to gain and little to lose as they scheme against the 10,500 Alliance majority left behind by the untimely death of Mr David Penhaligon.

And, aided by a modest recovery in the Labour vote, which all but evaporated in 1983 under the spell of Penhaligon's charm, they belive they can give the newly resurgent centre party a fright.

Mr Norman Tebitt, the Conservative Party chairman, will be praying that their optimism is well founded.

Talk of a June general election, his preferred option if the auguries look right, assumes an unreal air after Greenwich, where the Alliance stormed past Labour to victory, and left the Tories parading familiar excuses.

No matter how much Central Office planners point to the shooting stars of past Alliance successes — Crosby in 1981 and Bermondsey in 1983 are most regularly cited — by-election results do have an important bearing on party morale — on the back benches and in the constitutencies.

The Conservatives' task in Truro is — by eating into Penhaligon's handsome legacy — to take the gloss off the Alliance revival and so open up their leaders' election options.

David Penhaligon, the Liberal MP killed before Christmas in a car crash, will be heard on *Desert Island Discs* this month in a programme recorded a few weeks before his death.

The BBC said the programme would be broadcast at the request of his widow, Mrs Annette Penhaligon. She had written to the programme's producer, Mr Ray Abbott, saying: "I know he would have wanted it to go out. I would personally regard it as a tribute to him."

Yesterday, as Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, toured the cathedral town at the heart of this predominantly rural constituency, now better known for its magnificent beaches than its ailing tin industry, they were pointing to three factors giving them grounds for hope.

First, there is the Penhaligon factor, the former MP's rare brand of humour and humanity transcending party differences, that drew many natural Labour voters to his side as he swiftly consolidated a winning margin of fewer than 500 votes in 1974.

The Tories say their canvassing indicates that many of his converts will revert to their true colours come polling day next Thursday, a factor that is bound to damage the prospects of Mr Matthew Taylor, aged 24, formerly research assistant to Mr Penhaligon.

They also claim that the local Alliance party is deeply divided over the surprise choice of Mr Taylor, who while having some links with the constituency — his parents have a holiday home in Gwithian — cannot match for local content either the Tory, Mr Nicholas St Aubyn, aged 31, a merchant banker and local farmer, or Labour's Mr John King, aged 39, a schoolteachers and Cornish speaker.

Finally, say the Tory activists, relishing a rare taste of power without too much responsibility, the Alliance is for once on the defensive. They believe its well honed campaign tactics are simply not attuned to repelling boarders.

Nevertheless, by all accounts Mr Taylor, a bright and articulate candidate, is fighting an effective if low-key campaign. It would be extraordinary if he is robbed of his chance of becoming Parliament's youngest MP.

General election: D T Penhaligon (L/All) 31,279; P Boddell (C) 20,799; Miss J M Beecroft (Lab) 2,45[illegible]. L/All maj 10,480.

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RICHARD WILLSON

Mr Douglas Hurd: The new restrictions will apply from midnight.

Free syringes, but 20p rise in prescription cost

HEALTH

Prescription charges are to be increased from April 1 after a Government decision to make available, free of charge to diabetics, disposable insulin syringes and needles on general practitioner presecription, Mr Anthony Newton, Minister for Health, announced in the Commons.

He said the Government proposed to increase prescription charges broadly in line with the cost of the service, balanced however to improve still further the value-for-money offered by the "season ticket" arrangements.

The item charge will raise by 20p to £2.40; the four monthly pre-payemnt certificate by 50p to £12.50; and the annual prepayment certificate by £1.50 to £35. These increases would produce about £10 million.

He said there were in the UK an estimated one million people who suffered from diabetes, of whom up to 200,000 required regular injections of insulin to maintain the stability of their condition.

While some received disposable syringes through the hospital service, the majority received only reusable syringes and needles, which was all that was available from their general practitioners on prescription. That situation had been widely perceived as unsatisfactory.

The Government had received many representations about the disadvantages of the reuseable equipment and the greater comfort and convenience of disposables. This had been particularly strongly argued in respect of children.

Discussions with the manufacturers would start immediately and the aim would be to introduce the new supply at the earliest possible moment. The estimated cost might well approach £10 million in a full year.

There would be no change in dental charges. Charges for overseas visitors would be increased in line with the central reference lists for private patients

Mr Frank Dobson, Opposition spokesman on Health, said he welcomed without reservation the announcement to provide free disposable needles for diabetics.

The Opposition would like to know whether the Government intended to make blood-glucose test strips available to diabetics so that they could carry out tests on themselves.

It had been suggested by the minister that the free, disposable syringes for diabetics were to be paid for by the £10 million increase on prescription charges, which was insulting both to diabetics and those who had to pay the higher charges.

This was an increase of 240p from the 20p which prevailed in 1979.

We welcome the decision not to increase dental charges.

On private patients, the Government had got into a ridiculous position where since 1979 there had been a big increase in the number of pay beds in NHS hospitals but fewer patients were being treated in them.

Mr Newton said that on private patients the Government was concerned to respond to the Public Accounts Committee to make sure that costs were recovered on a better basis.

The cost of blood-glucose insulin strips would be of the same order as the supply of needles announced today.

"We have come to the conclusion that, although it is something we would like to do in due course, the supply of needles should be given priority at this particular time."

Fury at benefit rule change

The Opposition reacted angrily when Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, announced in the Commons that he was today laying regulations under the emergency procedure to ensure that people receiving earnings from the community programme were not entitled to unemployment benefit as well.

Mr Major said that it had always been a fundamental principle of benefit law that people working regularly part time were not entitled to benefit for those days on which they would not normally work.

The community programme provided temporary work, usually for those unemployed for 12 months, or six months if under 25, and many of these workers did work part time. However, a tribunal of commissioners had now decided in an individual case that part-time work would not normally bring the rule on not paying unemployment benefit into operation. He understood that the independent Chief Adjudication Officer would apply for leave to appeal.

If the commissioners' decision were sustained and applied generally benefit expenditure would rise by about £2 million a week.

"This expenditure would be directed to people participating voluntarily in a programme from which the overwhelming majority receive earnings significantly higher than any unemployment benefit entitlement. The Government regards this as a quite unacceptable use of resources."

Moreover, the adjudicating authorities would be uncertain of the law pending conclusion of any appeal proceedings.

This was why he was laying the regulations under the emergency procedure and they would take effect immediately. Supplementary benefit entitlement was not affected.

Wales has reached turning point, Edwards claims

The following report of the annual Welsh debate in the Commons appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

Wales had arrived at one of those turning points of history which — even if not recognized at the time — were later seen to have changed the way in which people thought and lived. Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said when he opened the debate.

Welsh dependence on the old basic industries was over, he said. The long agonized decline, with all its painful social consequences, was also over.

"We have now entered a new period in which, although coal and steel will continue to play an important role, the Welsh economy will advance and grow on a broad base that will consist of the old industries modernized and brought up to date by new technology, the new industries and the services needed by twenty-first century man."

Although unemployment was still very high, he was increasingly confident about the Welsh economy.

Motil Plastics, which already employed 460 at Aberbargoed, had today announced an expansion project providing 130 additional jobs by the end of next year. Penney and Giles Conduction Plastics Ltd intended to create 100 extra jobs in a proposed expansion at Blackwood and Magnapower Transformers Ltd 150 on the Treforest Trading Estate.

The Secretary of State for Transport expected to award the main contract for the strengthening works on the Severn bridge before Easter and, since his announcement last year of the Government's decision to provide a second Severn crossing, they had been pressing ahead with the enormous task of planning that important and difficult project.

"We are drawing up a wideranging technical brief for consultants to undertake the next phase of physical planning. It will be complete before Easter.

"We are working to a timetable which will meet our firm intention to be in a position to provide the second crossing by the mid-1990s."

On the proposal by Trafalgar House to provide a second crossing with private sector finance near the existing bridge, he had told Sir Nigel Broackes, the chairman, that that proposal did not meet the requirements for a new crossing. "It is inadequate; it is in the wrong place; it does not provide the road links to the M5 that we want and the legislative timetable proposed is unrealistic."

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, said that there would be a continuing need for effective regional policy to reduce the disparity between the richer and poorer regions.

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab), who was first elected an MP in 1945 and is not contesting the next election, said he had a feeling that this would be his last chance to speak in a Commons Welsh day debate.

In some senses, Cardiff presented a paradox. There were the big programmes, such as the revival of the city centre, which had made it look better than it had for very many years. There was the barrage scheme.

But Wales had lost one-third of its workforce — 100,000 — in the 1980s, and that had been offset by no more than 25,000 jobs in the service industries.

"I still cannot see what the Government intends to do to remedy that situation. It is having an appalling effect in my constituency."

Sir Anthony Meyer (North West Clwyd, C) said that the cost of modernizing industry had been exceptionally harsh.

Mr Dafydd Thomas (Meirionnydd Nant Conwy, Pl C) said that the Government lacked a strategy for revitalizing the Welsh economy.

How long could the present system of governing Wales continue? The Welsh Office had existed since 1964; the Secretary of State for Wales controlled an annual budget of £3 billion; there were about 3,000 civil servants and 1,200 people on quangos.

Wales was a bureaucracy run by a "quangocracy" with little or no democracy. It was a state without an elected government of its own.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, remaining stages, first day. **Lords** (2.30): Debates on need for part-time jobs for skilled mothers and on the importance of the English language and making it easier to learn. Billiards (Abolition of Restrictions) Bill, second reading.

Resolve of West brought offer

PRIME MINISTER

The offer by the Soviet Union of talks on the removal of intermediate-range nuclear missiles (INF) from Europe had resulted from the resolve of the West to stand firm and would never have resulted from the policies proposed by the Labour Party, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, said in the Commons during Prime Minister's questions.

Mr Peter Lilley (St Albans, C) opened the exchanges by asking the Prime Minister if she would accept that the proposals put forward by Mr Gorbachov had come only because of the stalwart refusal of the West to remove weapons that defended us while the Soviet Union was permitted to keep those that threatened us?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, the agreement on intermediate-range nuclear weapons was singled out for progress when I met President Reagan last November. It is a useful step forward that Mr Gorbachov accepts this without making any link with SDI.

A great deal of work remains to be done. I agree absolutely that the West's strict resolve has been crucial in bringing us to this stage.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: The latter point is somewhat difficult to sustain given the three-to-one superiority in intermediate forces of the Soviet Union in Europe.

But, given that she does welcome Mr Gorbachov's proposals and does welcome the very positive response in the United States to these proposals, would she not agree it would be wrong now to make elimination of intermediate nuclear forces conditional upon an agreement to reduce short-range and tactical nuclear forces?

Does she not agree the best route now to the reduction of those tactical and shorter-range forces is through the elimination of intermediate-range forces?

Mrs Thatcher: First he would abolish all our nuclear weapons and leave the Soviet Union with all theirs, and then he actually complains that we look at the small print of the proposal that has been put to us.

She said that after the Camp David meeting with President Reagan it had been agreed that priority should be given to INF with a restraint on short-range systems, recognizing the preponderance of short-range systems deployed by the Soviet Union which would have to be dealt with at the same time. Verification had also been an essential element.

"That was the stance we took up and that is the stance we shall continue to take."

Mr Kinnock: In such important matters it is worth looking at the small print as she suggested. Anything that Mr Gorbachov offers now stems almost entirely from the pressures on his economy and the need for better technological development.

Would she now say whether she is going to turn her back on a great opportunity or encourage it, bearing in mind the fact that she once said that no weapons would be better than some, but few are better than more?

Mrs Thatcher: I believe that the proposals which have come from Moscow stem from the resolve of the West to stand firm and they would never have come from any of his policies.

Nevertheless, it is absolutely vital that we have strict verification arrangements and negotiations to correct the huge imbalance in the Soviet Union's favour in short-range systems.

He throws away the security of our defensive system too easily. We will consider it where it should be considered, at the negotiations in Geneva.

Mr Kinnock: Are those matters relating to the offer of force reductions a pre-condition so far as she is concerned on intermediate-force elimination or not? Yes or no?

Mrs Thatcher: If he would listen to what I said he would have heard that the Soviet Union has total superiority in short-range systems. We in this country are within range of these short-range systems. We need to consider these shorter-range systems along with the intermediate ones.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP: Nothing could be more absurd than lessons in arms control and nuclear negotiations from the leader of the Labour Party (laughter and cheers. Labour MPs, and some Conservatives, waved to Dr Owen to join the Conservatives).

Dr Owen: It would be extremely foolish to link INF negotiations either to conventional forces, although a reduction in them would be desirable, or to chemical weapons, desirable though that is. Will she make clear to other European countries that the INF negotiations stand on their own as part of the zero-zero option.

Mrs Thatcher: I believe that to keep the security of the West and Nato one has to look at all together and in particular we can go ahead, as a priority, with intermediate-range weapons. At the same time we must look at shorter-range ones.

If we succeed in getting agreement on that matter, there is an enhanced importance for our own nuclear deterrent, and I shall be delighted when Dr Owen agrees to update Polaris with Trident (Conservative cheers).

Sir Frederic Bennett (Torbay, C): It is clear from Mr Gorbachov's proposals that he must see no prospect of one-sided nuclear disarmament and must have written off any prospect of a Labour election victory.

Mrs Thatcher: There would be no point in going into negotiation had we, like the Labour Party, unilaterally given up our own power.

£118m a year for the disabled

The Government was spending £118 million a year on programmes to help disabled people to get work, Mr John Lee, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab) said that it was shocking and disturbing that 23.4 per cent of those whose work would be limited by health problems or disabilities were unemployed. The Government's reliance on voluntary policies was mistaken, and in Western Germany there was tough, realistic legislation to help disabled workers.

Mr Lee said the Government did not favour the legislative approach but preferred a code of good practice and specific help. The Manpower Services Commission was conducting research on the number, characteristics and attitudes of disabled workers.

Contra report is denied

Allegations that the Government was willing to approve the supply of Blowpipe missiles and launchers for the contras in Nicaragua were denied by Mrs Thatcher during Prime Minister's questions.

In reply to a question from Mr Terry Fields (Liverpool, Broadgreen, Lab), she said the allegations were totally unfounded. "We have clearly demonstrated our support for a political, not a military solution to the problems of Central America."

Skill scarcity upsets Corbett

Employers were having their output affected by the lack of suitably skilled people, but instead of helping them ministers were complacent, having closed most of the training boards and skill centres in the past eight years, Mr Robin Corbett (Birmingham, Erdington, Lab) said during Commons question time.

Mr David Trippier, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, replied that it was not complacency to have substantially increased the amount being spent on training and retraining to £1.5 billion, a record figure, compared with the paltry sums spent by Labour. The proportion of employers expecting output to be constrained by skill shortages had been reduced from 25 per cent to 9 per cent.

Local work agencies

The United Kingdom has 368 local enterprise agencies, initiated by the Government to help to create new jobs, Mr David Trippier, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said during questions in the Commons.

A total of 294 of them were approved under the 1982 Finance Act, which allows business organizations to claim tax relief on the contributions they make to the agencies.

£3,000m for employment

A total expenditure in 1987-88 of more than £3,000 million was provided for employment, enterprise and training measures in the Public Expenditure White Paper, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General, said during Commons questions. Details of the expenditure proposed for each of the measures would be published soon.

Aids publicity 'offensive'

Lord Chelfont (Ind) complained in the Lords that some of the publicity and advertisements in the anti-Aids campaign were "disturbing, insensitive and in some cases downright offensive".

Lord Hesketh, for the Government, replied that the Government had received only 41 letters of complaint after sending out 23 million leaflets as part of its public information campaign on the disease.

Tory milk rebels fail

Fifteen backbench Conservative MPs rebelled unsuccessfully in the Commons late on Monday night against a Government proposal to charge dairy farmers for hygiene inspections.

The rebels, with some Opposition MPs, voted for an SDP-Liberal motion to annul the Milk and Dairies and Milk (Special Designation) (Charges) Regulations, but the motion was rejected by 286 votes to 42 — majority against, 244.

Conservative MPs voting for the motion were Mr Keith Best (Ynys Môn); Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire); Sir Raymond Gower (Vale of Glamorgan); Mr Kenneth Hargreaves (Hyndburn); Mr Robert Harvey (South West Clwyd); Mr Robert Hicks (South East Cornwall); Mr David Knox (Staffordshire Moorlands); Mr Patrick McLoughlin (West Derbyshire); Mr Paul Marland (West Gloucestershire); Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton); Mr Colin Shepherd (Hereford); Mr Tony Speller (North Devon); Mr Andrew Stewart (Sherwood); Mrs Ann Winterton (Congleton); and Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield).

Jobless youth

The number of unemployed people under the age of 25 is 1,133,000, Mr John Lee, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions. That figure was a smaller percentage of the total than three years ago and that percentage was now well below the EEC average.

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Bar council urges end to closed High Court cases

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Hundreds of court hearings which are held in secret in the High Court every week should be held in the open, the General Council of the Bar says today.

"There is a strong case for changing the High Court procedures so as to require that all hearings before judges in the High Court should be in open court, except for cases in which there is a clear public interest that they should be held in private", the council says.

That would apply to many family cases which involve children, it says in its submission to the committee on the future of the legal profession, being chaired by Lady Marre.

At present, interim hearings in the Queen's Bench division are heard by a judge in chambers, and the public and press are excluded. The same matter, if started in the Chancery Division, would be held in an open court, the general council says.

That means a person bringing proceedings effectively has a choice, "whether to have justice done in private or in public".

The council says that hearings of that kind can involve matters of great public interest. In industrial disputes, crucial issues often have to be dealt with at the interim stage and cannot wait for a full trial in an open court.

The Bar argues that the reform is long overdue. But it adds that solicitors who have advocacy rights for chambers hearings, and for certain formal and unopposed matters in open court such as reading libel settlements, should not be granted the right to conduct the interim hearings.

On average, there are between 50 and 100 such hearings a day. Among 72 private hearings on Monday, the London School of Economics was granted a possession order against students staging a sit-in over South Africa.

The report says that extending the advocacy rights of solicitors will lead to the extinction of the Bar, with the best barristers being swallowed up by firms of solicitors.

It says big solicitors' firms in the City of London are already making discreet approaches to individual barristers in London and the provinces whom they want to absorb into their own litigation departments. The intentions of such firms are "an open secret".

The council says the result will be to reduce seriously the client's present choice of barrister-advocate which, it maintains, would be against the public interest.

Under a changed system, a solicitor would still choose the advocate for the client but would be under pressure to select himself or another member of his firm.

The report warns of the "devastating" consequence of adding 47,000 solicitors in England and Wales to the 5,500 barristers with full rights of audience. With a substantial amount of higher-court advocacy work transferred to the solicitors' branch, the Bar would find it increasingly difficult to attract entrants.

"The Bar is strong, but no profession can survive intact if its recruitment is not vigorously maintained", the council says. At the same time, the pressure on solicitors' firms to amalgamate to compete with one another would create even bigger solicitors' advocacy departments.

Barrister's jail term halts trial

A drugs trial was halted yesterday after a defending barrister was jailed for three months for drink-driving.

Robert Roberts, of Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol, was jailed on Monday after magistrates at Northavon were told he drove erratically on the M4 while nearly three times over the legal limit.

And yesterday a judge discharged a jury on the seventh day of a drug smuggling trial at Bristol Crown Court, explaining one of the accused could no longer be defended.

Roberts, aged 43, had been defending John Kent, a lorry driver aged 35, of Springhill, Kingswood. Yesterday Judge Fallon, QC, told the jury that Mr Kent and two others would now face a new trial. They had denied charges of conspiring to import and supply cannabis, worth £800,000.

Roberts was also fined £10 and banned from driving for three years after he admitted drink-driving, driving recklessly and failing to supply an insurance certificate. Last night he was on bail pending an appeal against the sentence.

Mr Bernard Cashman, defending, said Roberts had recently been divorced.

Pop singer 'lied to save neck'

Boy George "lied to save his neck" and escape a charge of supplying drugs, Kensington Crown Court, west London, was told yesterday.

Mr Anthony Berry, counsel for Steven Luben, who is charged with conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine, said Boy George was not being truthful when he gave evidence in court that Mr Luben was a drugs dealer.

"There was an important reason operating on Boy George's mind, that is the fear of being prosecuted himself for supplying drugs," Mr Berry said.

"You can be guilty of supplying heroin by merely giving it to all your friends and hangers-on. That is what I suggest Boy George knew he was at risk from."

Mr Luben, aged 36, a builder, and Diane Feiner, aged 35, both of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, west London, deny the charges.

In his closing speech to the jury, Mr Berry said: "Any suggestion that Boy George was supplying drugs to people near to or around him must have seemed to have been extremely dangerous.

"I suggest that Boy George has lied to save his own neck."

The trial continues today.

Call for switch to private prisons

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The private sector should be invited to build and run Britain's prisons, it is suggested today.

A report by the Adam Smith Institute says privately managed prisons in the United States are cheaper, more quickly built, and provide much better conditions for prisoners.

The institute, a market economics think-tank which claims to have been influential in suggesting ideas adopted by the Government, recommends an experiment in Britain based on the American experience.

The intention would be to contract out to private security companies the whole task of managing British prisons.

There is growing interest in private jails. Members of the House of Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs visited several in the United States last October and Lord Caithness, the Home Office Minister responsible for prisons, will go there later this year.

There are now about 20 private prisons in the US, and the report says that they have greatly improved the conditions of the inmates. Both prisoners and observers praise the system.

The Rev Thomas Sheehy, the Roman Catholic Church's liaison officer with the privately run Illegal Immigrant Detention Centre in Houston, Texas, said: "Private jails are much more humane". The report recommends that a new private remand prison for London should be the first priority. Operation of a range of prisons, including two juvenile detention facilities and three medium security adult prisons, should be contracted out.

Other forms of private imprisonment, including electronically monitored home arrest, should be tried on an experimental basis.

Private prisons lead to operating cost savings of between 5 per cent and 25 per cent, the report says.

Private companies can often build them in as little as six months, thus further cutting costs. It is also suggested that private, possibly inmate-run businesses could be encouraged.

The report's author, Mr Peter Young, who is director of the institute's office in Washington, concludes: "For the sake of the taxpayers, the prisoners and the harassed employees of our overcrowded prison system, Britain should adopt a more open attitude to change, competition, and new ideas in the prison system. Real benefits could follow."

The Prison Cell by Peter Young (Adam Smith Institute, PO Box 316, London SW1P 3DJ; £8).

Enchanting comic who loved children

Delighting audiences at the London Palladium.

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Man of many roles: Danny Kaye (left) enchants the children in the film Hans Christian Andersen and (right) with Vera-Ellen in the perennial favourite, White Christmas.

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

Danny Kaye, the erstwhile jumbo jet pilot and cordon bleu chef who enchanted children and their parents alike, had only one artistic policy. It was, he once said, to act like a lunatic.

The successful formula produced its most memorable magic in films which also reflected his love of child-like fantasy.

As a compulsive dreamer in *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, and as the creator of fairy tale lands in *Hans Christian Andersen*, Kaye enacted roles close to his own personality.

Syvlia Fine, his wife of 46 years, once said of him: "Walter Mitty dreamed it. Danny Kaye lived it."

Bob Hope provided a perfect foil for his zany humour in 1954 when they wise-cracked their way through a perennial favourite, *White Christmas*.

Kaye's talents were not appreciated when he first encountered English reserve at London's Dorchester Hotel in 1938. "I was too loud for the joint", he concluded afterwards.

However, 10 years later he took the Palladium by storm for a week of sell-out performances that began an affectionate and enduring relationship with British audiences.

In addition to his entertainment skills, Kaye was qualified to fly 747 jets and received a prestige French award for his culinary talents, but he regarded his most rewarding work as being an ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund.

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Law may insist on safer condoms

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The Government may change the law to make condoms more reliable as a method of preventing Aids infection, Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday.

The move was supported by the Family Planning Association, which is campaigning for higher standards in condoms imported to Britain.

An investigation by the BBC Television *Watchdog* programme, screened yesterday, showed that more than half of nine imported brands tested failed to meet British Standards Institution criteria.

They either leaked too often or their packets carried no "sell-by" date to guard against the risk of the rubber perishing.

Mrs Currie, who took part in the programme, said she would examine the evidence "very carefully" and would consider the call for higher standards to be enforced.

She said 95 per cent of condoms sold in Britain did conform to existing standards, but imported condoms which did not, either because of defects in the condom itself or inadequate labelling, were a cause for concern.

The Family Planning Association said yesterday that every condom sold in Britain should meet the BSI standards, denoted by the kite mark on packaging.

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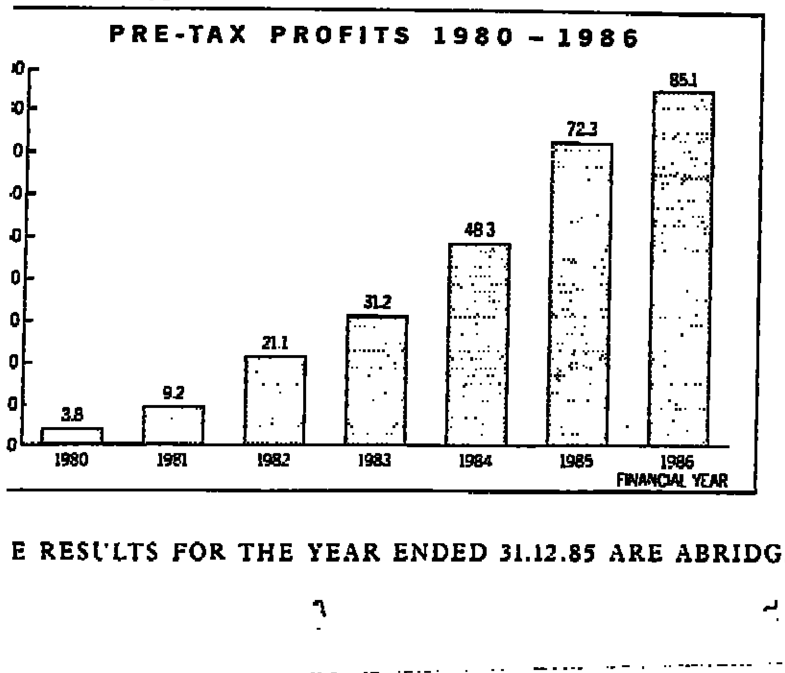

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Ministry is criticized for inaction on dog training

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence carried out five studies in 12 years into the possibility of converting Army and RAF dog training into a single service organization but still failed to make up its mind, according to a critical report by the National Audit Office, which monitors government spending.

The dog-training dilemma was one of many examples in which the Ministry of Defence tried to rationalize facilities but without success. "Much effort has been wasted in inconclusive ad hoc studies of possible rationalization", the audit office report into Armed Forces' training said.

The canine issue first arose in 1972, when the Defence Training Committee, set up to co-ordinate training, advised against rationalizing the Army and RAF establishments. Studies in 1957 and 1977 produced similar results.

But there was a change of mind in 1982 and again in 1983, when two studies by different bodies within the Ministry of Defence supported rationalization. In October 1984, the MoD decided in principle to go ahead with one dog-training establishment at RAF Newton by 1989. Ministerial approval for a Joint Service Dog School (JSDS) was given in 1985.

Yesterday's audit office report revealed: "No action has been taken pending further studies of the resource implications".

The areas that are currently benefiting from joint-service training include catering, languages, sailing, bomb disposal, parachuting, sub-aqua diving, gliding and physiotherapy.

The report said that the individual training of service personnel on formal courses, excluding trainees' salaries, cost £1.85 billion in 1985.

In 1981 a special Training Studies Steering Group was set up to review past studies and explore the scope for significant economies. They concluded, from the areas they covered, that £850,000 could be saved annually in running costs and £7 million in capital costs.

Common training of helicopter pilots was considered and rejected in 1971 on operational grounds but recently a consultant recommended the establishment of a joint training course at RAF Shawbury. The MoD had now decided against the idea.

After three attempts, rationalization of Armed Forces' catering was approved in 1984, with estimated capital savings of £1.5 million and reduced running costs of £2.5 million over 10 years.

The audit office also discovered that the Services had little confidence in their annual statements showing the cost of training because they left some establishments off the list.

● The MoD has promised to announce soon the decision on whether to merge the three Service music schools.

Labour would free land for building

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

A future Labour government would allow more development on the fringes of towns and villages in an attempt to keep down land and house prices.

Mr Jeff Rooker, Labour's housing spokesman, said at a London conference yesterday that present policy ruled out production of new homes to rent or buy for families on average incomes. The only way of controlling land prices was to increase the supply and there had to be a balance between building in inner city areas and on green field sites.

"We are opposed to urban sprawl as our record in government shows. However, some outer areas of towns, cities and villages can be 'rounded off' in exchange for 'green lungs' in the inner cities.

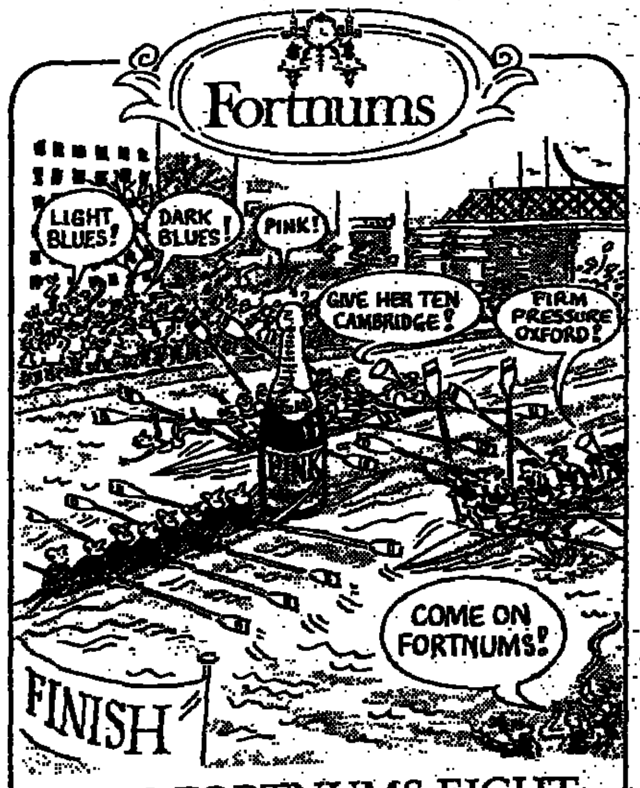
"The green belts have a vastly important part to play in protecting the countryside and preventing urban sprawl. However, green belts are not and should not be seen as the private preserve of those who live in or around them.

"There is much neglected land on the outskirts of cities, towns and villages which has not had its full potential realized.

"With acute housing needs we cannot afford to ignore the economic and social potential of these patches."

Labour's last election manifesto promised nationalization of the building materials industry and the establishment of land authorities to acquire development land at current use value. But in his speech to the Timber Trading International conference yesterday, Mr Rooker said: "We are not interested in, nor have plans for either land or building industry nationalization.

Mr Rooker said the cost of the necessary repairs to public housing in Britain would be £19 billion and the private housing sector required £30 billion. Britain spent less on renewing its housing stock than any of the 17 advanced nations in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and the decline in new homes built since 1979 amounted to 2,000 week.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Business angel sponsors choir

The St Paul's Cathedral Choir School Foundation is to be sponsored by a firm of City accountants for £32,000 over the next four years.

Details of the sponsorship, believed to be the first of its kind for a choir school, were announced yesterday by Mr Iain Muir, senior partner of accountants Moore Stephens. The choir will receive £8,000 a time to cover the costs of each of four annual concerts.

Mr Muir said: "St Paul's is our parish church and the choir is unique. I understand it is the only cathedral in the world with its own school, purely for its choristers.

Mr John Scott, assistant director of music at St Pauls, said: "We are thrilled. It is obviously going to be a great help to the cathedral choir."

Sir Alan Traill, as Lord Mayor, launched an appeal for the choir school in 1984 which raised £360,000, leading to a foundation being set up. The choir school dates back to the twelfth century, and has 39 boys aged from eight to 13.

The first of the sponsored concerts will be given at St Paul's Cathedral on July 7, as part of the City of London Festival. The choir, with the City of London Sinfonia and the English Brass Ensemble will perform works by Gabrielli and Purcell and Haydn's "Nelson" Mass.

Choirboys and an angel: Mr Iain Muir, senior partner of Moore Stephens, a firm of City accountants which is giving £32,000 to the St Paul's Cathedral Choir School Foundation for four annual concerts, and some of the school's pupils (Photograph: Hugh Routledge).

US talks to focus on airports dispute

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

An attempt is to be made this month to defuse a potentially damaging dispute with the United States over the high cost of using Britain's airports.

Department of Transport officials are going to Washington in an effort to convince the Americans that the British Airports Authority (BAA) will not, as they claim, make "an obscene rate of profit" by imposing monopoly charges.

The dispute threatens to sour the air services agreement governing the way British and American airlines can compete.

Two US airlines, Pan Am and TWA, have said they will take legal action in British courts unless there are changes in the proposed charging formula to be used by BAA when it is privatized.

The British side hopes for a sympathetic ear from the Americans because, it will argue, the formula for BAA charges which has been approved by Parliament, will lead to a gradual reduction in charges in real terms for landing at Heathrow and Gatwick.

The delegation is also preparing to tackle what it regards as unfair restrictions on British airlines trying to win customers in the US.

Ilea move to absorb 'special' pupils

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

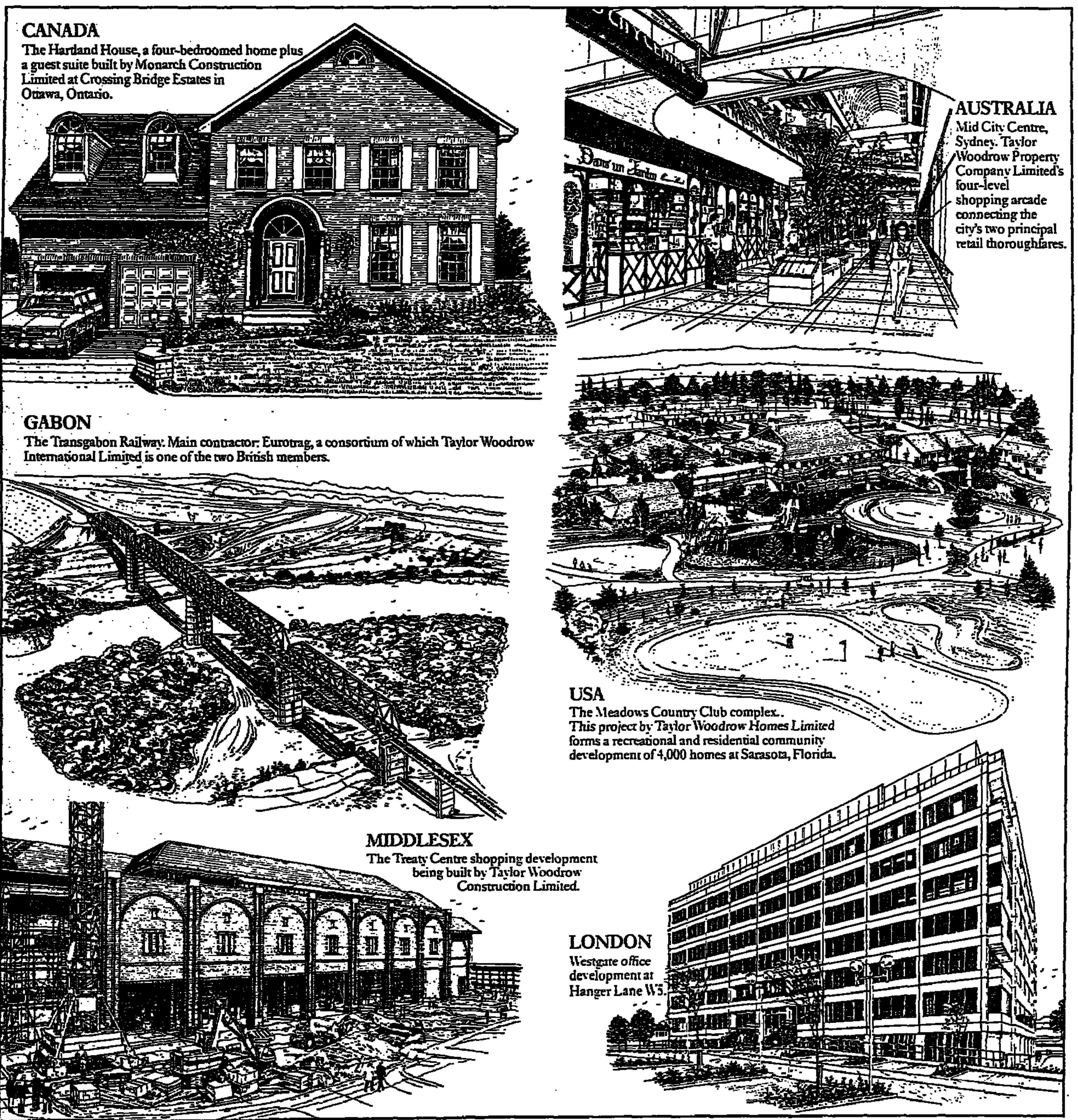
The Inner London Education Authority yesterday became the first in Britain to adopt a policy of integrating handicapped children into ordinary schools as an "overriding objective".

Integration was cautiously recommended nearly ten years ago in the Warnock report and the principle was embodied in the 1981 Education Act. But it remains controversial with both parents and teachers.

Mr Barrie Stead, chairman of the Ilea schools sub-committee, emphasized that progress towards integration would be gradual and that an unspecified number of special schools were likely to remain for the most severely handicapped children. "If parents want segregation we will not overrule them", he said.

Nonetheless, the majority of the authority's 100-plus special schools, which provide day and boarding places for more than 7,000 children, will eventually be closed or turned into special units attached to mainstream schools.

Although the authority sees integration as a logical extension of its anti-racist and anti-sexist policies, its approach is notably low key. It emphasizes the changes will take place within existing resources.



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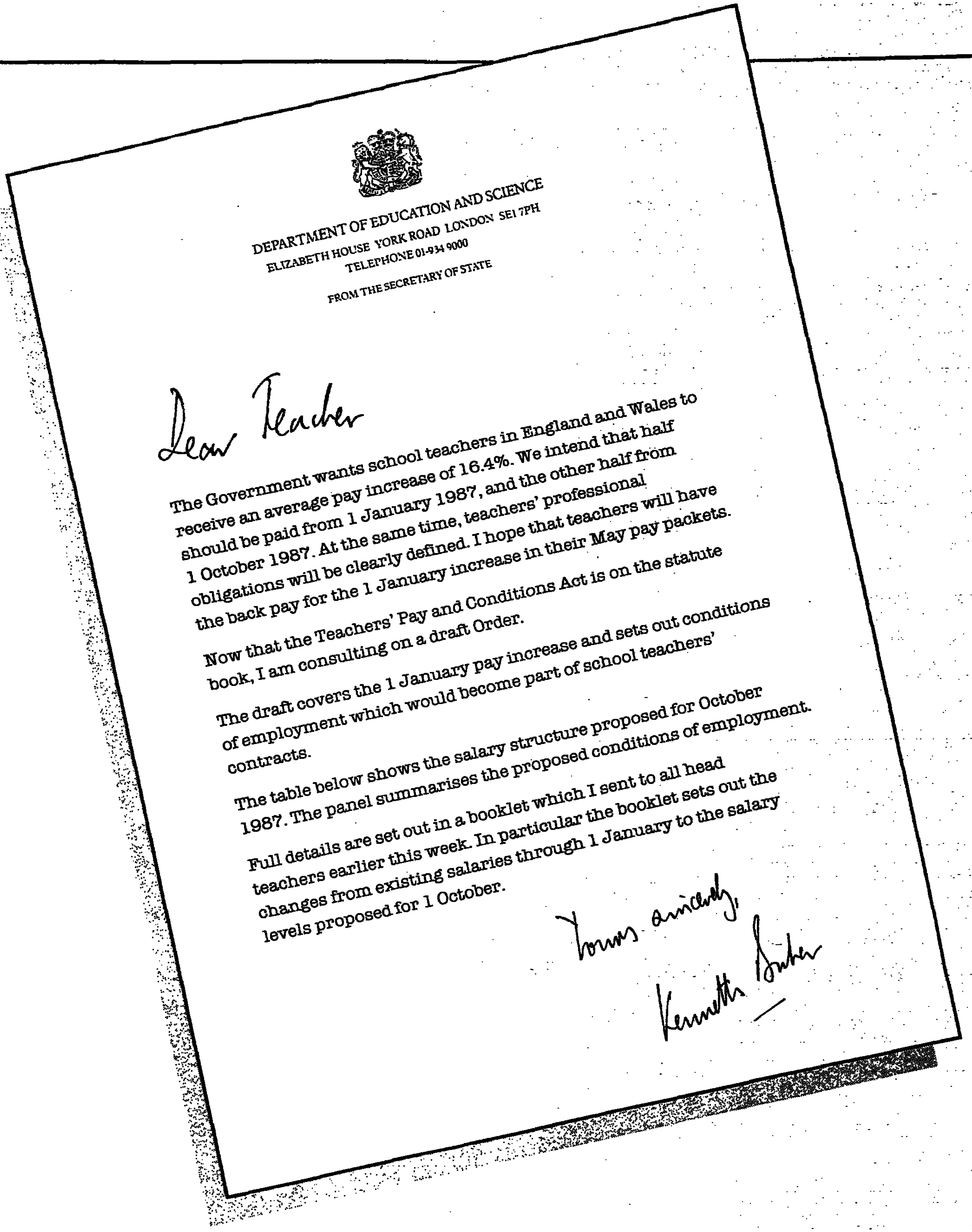

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Teacher

The Government wants school teachers in England and Wales to receive an average pay increase of 16.4%. We intend that half should be paid from 1 January 1987, and the other half from 1 October 1987. At the same time, teachers' professional obligations will be clearly defined. I hope that teachers will have the back pay for the 1 January increase in their May pay packets.

Now that the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Act is on the statute book, I am consulting on a draft Order.

The draft covers the 1 January pay increase and sets out conditions of employment which would become part of school teachers' contracts.

The table below shows the salary structure proposed for October 1987. The panel summarises the proposed conditions of employment.

Full details are set out in a booklet which I sent to all head teachers earlier this week. In particular the booklet sets out the changes from existing salaries through 1 January to the salary levels proposed for 1 October.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth Baker

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Government proposes that the contracts of employment of teachers, other than head teachers, should incorporate provisions as follows.

1. Teachers will carry out the duties of their profession and such particular duties as may be assigned to them under the reasonable direction of their head teacher.

2. Included in the list of duties they may be required to undertake are those set out below. The duties an individual teacher will be required to undertake will depend on the type of school and the role of the teacher; individual teachers will not all be required to undertake all these duties.

Summary of Professional Duties

- Planning and preparing courses and lessons, in collaboration as necessary with other teachers.
- Teaching pupils according to their educational needs, including setting and marking work carried out by them in school and elsewhere.
- Recording and reporting on educational and other aspects of pupils' progress.
- The pastoral care of pupils, including discipline, health and safety, and such guidance and advice on their personal, social and educational development as the individual teacher is able to give.
- Professional development as teachers, including periodic review of their own methods and programmes of work, participation in further training, and participation in arrangements, within an agreed national framework, for the appraisal of their own and other teachers' performance.
- Supervising and so far as practicable teaching pupils whose teacher is absent. Unless a teacher is employed as a supply teacher, or is timetabled to undertake specific duties for less than 75% of the school week, or no supply teacher is available, he or she will not normally be required to cover after the absent teacher has been away from school for 3 days; nor to cover for a planned absence of more than 3 days.
- Preparing and presenting pupils for and supervising them at public examinations; and assessing pupils for the purposes of such examinations.
- Taking part in the management and administration of the school in accordance with their specific responsibilities for class, curriculum, pastoral and other matters.

3. Full-time teachers may be required to work on not more than 195 days in a year, of which 190 days shall be days on which they may be required to teach pupils.

4. Teachers may be required to work at specified times and places at the direction of their head teachers for not more than 1265 hours in any year, to be allocated reasonably throughout those days in the year on which they are required to work.

5. Teachers shall not be required to undertake midday supervision, and shall be allowed a break of reasonable length during the school day.

6. In order to discharge their professional duties effectively, including the preparation of lessons, teaching material and teaching programmes, and the marking of pupils' work, teachers will work such additional hours as may be necessary. Teachers will choose when and where to do such additional work.

Note

The above summary is intended to provide general guidance only. The specific contractual provisions are contained in the draft of an Order to be made under the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Act 1987. The full text of those parts of the Order dealing with duties is included within the booklet which has been sent to all maintained schools.

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*NOTE

These allowances would be available, on top of the basic salary scale, to teachers for one or more of the following reasons – additional responsibility, outstanding classroom performance, shortage skills, recruitment to posts difficult to fill. Teachers now on Scale 3, Scale 4 and the Senior Teacher Scale will automatically receive allowances of £1,000, £3,000 and £4,200 respectively.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Gorbachov 'set to ease travel curbs'

Moscow – Mr Mikhail Gorbachov was quoted yesterday as pledging that the tight overseas travel restrictions on Soviet citizens will soon be relaxed as part of his continuing reform programme (Christopher Walker writes).

The disclosure was made by the Icelandic Prime Minister, Mr Steingrimur Hermannsson, after a meeting with the Soviet leader earlier this week. "As I understood him, there would not be long to wait for greatly increased freedom" in foreign travel, Mr Hermannsson said.

●COPENHAGEN: The Soviet authorities are shortly to allow the publication of *Cancer Ward*, the banned novel by Alexander Solzhenitsyn on the life of dissidents in a Russian psychiatric hospital, according to a Danish newspaper quoting the chief editor of the Soviet literary journal, *Novy Mir* (Christopher Follett writes).

Lavi faces the axe

Jerusalem – Israel's top generals have recommended dropping development of the Lavi, the locally designed but extremely expensive new warplane, which is meant to provide air cover for Israel into the next century (Ian Murray writes).

The recommendation from the General Staff is now being studied by Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister. He is also examining alternative aircraft being offered by the Pentagon, including the F 16C which the generals suggest would be best.

End near for faster

Washington – A former Nasa scientist and Korean War veteran, who is starving himself to death outside the White House as an anti-nuclear protest, has written to thank Mr Mikhail Gorbachov for his concern but insisted that he will continue his five-month fast until the US agrees to dismantle its nuclear warheads (Michael Binyon writes).

The Soviet leader wrote to Dr Charles Hyder urging him to break off his fast and offering medical treatment. His friends expect him to die soon.

Soweto 'ambush'

Police claimed yesterday that they suspected an attempt was made to lure them into an ambush when shots were fired near the Soweto home of Mrs Winnie Mandela.

Police were fired on from the house at 2 am on Monday when they went to investigate a complaint of crowd disturbance.

The police dived for cover and called for reinforcements but did not return the fire and the gunman escaped.

Kidnap plot

Bonn – An Action Directe plan to kidnap Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, has been uncovered by French police, a West German magazine, *Quick*, reported yesterday (John England writes).

Quick said the police found the plan when they captured four terrorists on February 21. Herr Brandt, aged 73, was to have been kidnapped at his holiday home at Gagnieres in the south of France.

Butter deal in danger

Brussels – Against a background of sometimes violent farmers' protests, EEC agriculture ministers remained deadlocked yesterday over how to reform the common agricultural policy (CAP) to avoid creating further butter mountains (Richard Owen writes).

To the disappointment of campaigners for CAP reform, farm ministers have begun to backtrack on cuts in the dairy sector agreed last December.

Zipra two released

Harare – Two former guerrillas from Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zipra army in Zimbabwe's liberation war were declared free men by the Supreme Court yesterday, after nearly five years in jail for their alleged part in an attack on the home of Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister (Jan Raath writes).

Mr Absolom Vundhla, aged 32, and Mr Albert Moyo, aged 25, were arrested soon after the attack on July 24, 1982.

Barbie in jail again

Paris – Klaus Barbie, aged 73, the former Nazi officer charged with "crimes against humanity", returned to his prison cell in Lyons yesterday after passing more than a month in hospital where he underwent an operation on his prostate (Diana Geddes writes).

Barbie's trial is due to begin in Lyons on May 11, more than four years after he arrived in France after being expelled from Bolivia.

A Spanish judge's lot

Madrid – Señor Modesto Ariñez, a judge who omitted to order the arrest of Señor Joaquín García Lavernia, a fellow judge caught in a Barcelona drug raid, has been assigned the case arising from that raid, it was learned here yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

Two separate investigations have begun to determine why Señor Ariñez, who signed a search warrant which enabled police to find 102 grammes of cocaine, did not order the arrest. According to reports from Barcelona, Señor Ariñez was assigned the case by lot, following normal procedure.

War criminals behind bars for 40 years

Two Nazis appeal for Dutch reprieve

From Philip Jacobson
Breda, The Netherlands

As the search for alleged Nazis continues to make news in Britain, the last two German war criminals still imprisoned in The Netherlands are seeking their freedom after more than 40 years behind bars.

In letters sent from their cells in the Boschpoort jail here, Franz Fischer, now 86, and Ferdinand aus den Fünten, aged 78, have appealed to leading Dutch politicians to forgive their central involvement in the deportation and death of at least 80,000 Jews during the German occupation.

Both men profess to have been deeply affected by what they have learnt from TV programmes about Nazi atrocities, and maintain that they bitterly regret their own part in the elimination of 90 per cent of Holland's pre-war Jewish population. Both say they have families back in Germany who will look after them for what remains of their lives.

The Dutch authorities have not yet commented officially on this highly sensitive request, but the findings of a subsequent opinion poll indicate that any hint of leniency for the "Breda Two" would be extremely unpopular with the public.

Less than one-third of those questioned for the Rotterdam newspaper *Algemeen Dagblad* advocated freeing them. Nearly twice as many people said, in effect, that the two old Nazis should be left to rot in jail. One big surprise, however, was that considerably fewer Dutch under 35 were inclined to be as merciful as the generations that still remember the horrors of the Nazi occupation.

It is not the first time that the fate of this pair has aroused unexpectedly strong passions among the Dutch. Early in 1972, more than two decades after Fischer and aus den Fünten had been condemned to death, then reprieved and sentenced to life imprisonment, the Government of the day made it known that it was planning to release them (together with a third Nazi sentenced to life, a deranged sadist who had been a guard at a concentration camp in The Netherlands).

Although public opinion previously appeared to have been swinging away from keeping the "Breda Three" inside forever, this news sparked off the most violent and emotional demonstrations in memory. Former members of the Dutch Resistance vowed to execute them if they walked free.

Despite the widespread belief that the monarch, Queen Juliana – who had commuted the death sentences and would have had to sign any act of pardon – was firmly in favour of releasing the prisoners, Parliament rejected the Government's proposal so decisively that it was abandoned.

The shaken Minister of Justice observed that the intensity of public opposition had greatly surprised him: "We did not realize that memories of wartime suffering were still so strong."

Curiously, perhaps, in view of the passions they have stirred, these two elderly Nazi captives (the former camp guard died in Breda prison in 1979), who were arrested even before Rudolph Hess was put on trial, are the epitome of the faceless bureaucrats who dutifully administered the Final Solution in occupied countries.

Fischer was a low-ranking policeman who jumped at the chance to join the Gestapo and arrived in the Netherlands as an "honorary NCO" in the SS. There his job became, in the chilling shorthand of the Third Reich, the "registration and transportation" of Jews destined to disappear forever into the Polish death camps.

Unusually for such desk men, the charges brought against Fischer following extradition from Germany immediately after the war included personally beating and torturing some of the people in his power.

Aus den Fünten came from a nominally superior background. Before joining the Nazis, he had worked in the textile trade. By the time he arrived in The Netherlands he was an SS captain, head of administration for the cynically-named *Office for Jewish Emigration*.

Aus den Fünten evidently had a taste for leading round-ups in person. On one occasion, he supervised the forcible evacuation of patients from five Jewish hospitals to the convoys for Poland. On another, he ordered the immediate deportation – equivalent to a sentence of death – of 50 Dutch nationals found to have made "mixed marriages" involving a Jewish partner.

To many Dutch, among them veterans of the resistance, the debate about the continued detention of the two Nazis at Breda sits uncomfortably with the treatment of the sizeable number of fellow countrymen who once collaborated with the invaders of The Netherlands.

In the mid-1970s a card index containing, among other things, detailed case histories of several hundred Dutch nationals who had volunteered for active service with the Nazis, mysteriously turned up in a field just across the border with West Germany.

Under Dutch law, the statute of limitations for war crimes expired 20 years ago. But memories are still long and bitter enough to have forced the speedy resignation of an influential politician, Mr Willem Aantjes, when it emerged in 1978 that he had served with the Dutch division of the Waffen-SS.

The most notorious case of wartime collaboration was that of Pieter Menten, the millionaire art collector who was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in June 1980 for his involvement in the massacre of Polish Jews by SS extermination squads, and was released with full remission in the spring of 1985.

Menten's trial raised a number of uncomfortable questions about the protection he appears to have received in influential Dutch circles from the moment the war ended.

Although there was little overt protest when Menten left jail, serious political problems could confront Holland's present Christian Democrat-Liberal Party coalition Government in the event of a new attempt to free Fischer and aus den Fünten. The *Algemeen Dagblad* poll showed CD voters to be considerably happier about the prospect than Liberal supporters, with voters for the opposition Labour Party very strongly opposed to leniency.

If it comes to the crunch, that sort of line-up could bring down the Government. But few Dutch observers believe the fate of these two aged war criminals will ever again exert much influence in the country. "Looking back, it would probably have been better to have shot them in the first place," says one expert on the Nazi occupation. "But at least keeping them locked up in Breda until they die will provide us with something to remember about the nightmare years in The Netherlands."

Congress backs Reagan move on CIA chief

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan's swift withdrawal of Mr Robert Gates as his nominee to head the Central Intelligence Agency was widely applauded in Congress and by political analysts here. They said it showed that the President and Mr Howard Baker, his new Chief of Staff, had chosen a conciliatory path in rebounding from the Iran scandal.

"We commend Mr Gates for putting the interests of the country and the agency ahead of his own personal interests by standing aside so that a permanent director could be put in place more quickly." Senator David Boren, the chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, said.

No successor has been named yet, though Mr Baker promised swift action on this. The leading contenders are General Brent Scowcroft, President Ford's National Security Adviser and a member of the Tower Commission on the Iran affair; former Senator John Tower himself; General William Odom, head of the National Security Agency, and two former deputy directors of the CIA, Mr Bobby Inman and Mr John McMahon.

Commentators here called the withdrawal of Mr Gates an encouraging move, designed to repair the strained relations between Congress and the White House.

Senators had urged Mr Reagan to make a fresh start by bringing in an outsider who was in no way associated with the Iran arms deal. They had also criticized Mr Gates' failure to ensure that the Senate testimony of his predecessor, Mr William Casey, was complete.

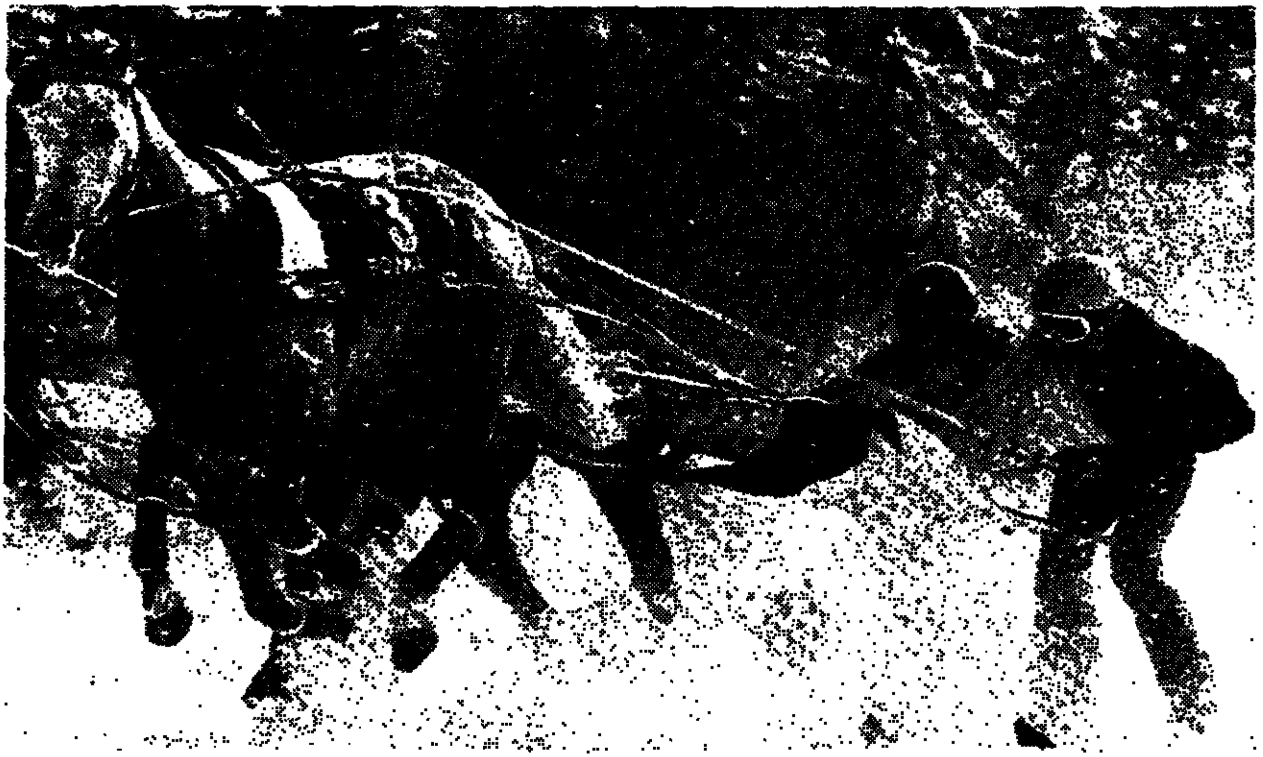
President Reagan, his popularity at the lowest level for four years, is to make a nationwide television address on the Iran affair this evening, which is seen as crucial to his effort to regain credibility and the political initiative.

Yesterday he had a meeting with Mr Baker and Mr Frank Carlucci, the National Security Adviser. His supporters are urging him to admit that the arms sales were mistaken and accept full blame for the scandal. Mr Baker said on Monday that the speech would be a "marvellous" one.

In his first meeting with the press, marked by candour and self-deprecating humour, in pointed contrast to the aggressive style of Mr Donald Regan, Mr Baker said he had no intention of becoming a "prime minister", as Mr Regan was unofficially called.

"I am acutely aware of the fact that Ronald Reagan is President and I am not," he said. "My role is to serve him in whatever capacity I can." He acknowledged that President Reagan had been damaged by the Tower Report, and that last week he had criticized Mr Reagan's inability to remember complex issues over a long period. But he said on Monday that Mr Reagan was well-prepared, was as good as anyone in a give-and-take discussion and would now grow in strength and popularity. "He's never been better."

A *New York Times* poll, however, found that only 42 per cent of those asked now approved of President Reagan's handling of his job, a drop of 10 per cent in five weeks. Approval of his handling of foreign policy was at an all-time low, with 29 per cent approving and 58 per cent voicing disapproval.



Horse-racing on the snow of Switzerland has been given a new twist. Competitors in St Moritz have added to the excitement, and the danger, by abandoning the traditional horse-drawn sleds for skis – with safety helmets as an added precaution.

Craxi's departure ushers in tough coalition bargaining

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi, who headed the most durable Italian Government since the War, yesterday stepped down as Prime Minister and ushered in a new, tough phase of bargaining between the political parties.

Signor Craxi announced his decision after an address to the Italian Senate summing up his achievements and blaming his partners in the five-party coalition for sabotaging the Government.

It is now up to President Cossiga to invite others, starting in effect with the Christian Democrats, who form the largest party, to shape a new governing coalition. If he fails, an election is inevitable.

The Christian Democrats have already declared that their candidate will be the Foreign Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti, a gifted politician who has moved in and out of the leadership several times.

If Signor Craxi's Socialists reject Signor Andreotti as Prime Minister, the Christian Democrats swear that they will put up no further candidate.

The coalition, which lasted a record 3½ years, was dominated by the Christian Democrats (commanding about 33 per cent of the votes) and the Socialists (with about 11 per cent). The Communist Party is in opposition.

Signor Craxi, with his rather frigid and sometimes overweaning manner, upset the Christian Democrat rank and file, who could never quite fathom how the political brokers in Rome had given the country a Socialist leader.

Under an agreement reached in July, the five coalition partners worked out a system by which Signor Craxi would hand over the baton of power to the Christian Democrats some time before the Ides of March.

But Signor Craxi, with weeks to go before the handover, said there was no such agreement.

Partly by chance, but also as a direct result of the relative political stability since 1983, the economy under the Craxi Government has shown a considerable recovery, with inflation down to 5 per cent from 20 per cent five years ago

Mobsters guilty in pizza trial

New York – After one of the longest trials in American history, a New York court has convicted 18 Mafia mobsters of running an international ring that distributed tons o heroin through pizza parlours (Charles Bremner writes).

"It is a tremendous victor in the effort to crush th Mafia," said Mr Rudolp Giuliani, the prosecutor, a the end of the 17-month trial.

"Five years ago nobod would have thought it possibl to convict the head of th Sicilian Mafia and the head o a major part of an America Mafia family."

Among the 18 were Gaetano Badalamenti, aged 63 the former chief of the Mafi in Sicily, and Salvator Catalano, aged 46, a baker owner described as a powerfu captain in the Bonanno crim family in New York.

The 18 were accused o operating a Mafia ring stretching from Italy and Brazil t New York and the America Midwest that brought morphine paste from Turkey t Sicily and converted it t heroin there.

The drug was smuggled t America and distribute through pizza parlours in Ne York, Michigan, Illinois an Wisconsin.

Ice breaker

Fulda, West Germany (A – A 22-year-old East Germa fled over the fortified bord to West Germany, apparen aided by the failure of froz fence alarms.

Snow juggler

Copenhagen (Reuter) – Danish journalist, Marc Mandal, claims to have bea his own world record juggling three snowballs in h bare hands for 17 minutes a 10 seconds, against his tin recorded last year in t *Guinness Book of Records* 16 minutes 55 seconds.

Killer sought

Leiria, Portugal (Reuter) Police were searching for mentally-disturbed bank cle suspected of killing at le five people, including his w and eldest daughter.

Dressing up

Stockholm (Reuter) – T Swedish pornographic ma zine *Lektyr*, for years one the country's best-sellers, is cut out all nudity from its f colour pages and become magazine you don't have to ashamed of buying, reading advertising in", t magazine's publisher said.

Europe at odds with Nato chief

From Andrew McEwen
Geneva

A disagreement emerged yesterday between Nato military circles and Western governments over the conditions for an East-West agreement eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

Whitehall sources said the British Government did not want such an agreement to be held up until Nato and the Warsaw Pact reached accords on cutting conventional and chemical weapons.

The British view is believed to be shared by most West European governments except France. Unexpected further support came yesterday from a prominent hawk in the US Administration, Mr Richard Perle.

The politicians are in direct conflict with the views expressed by General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, who said on Monday that to conclude an East-West deal on Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) without reduction in other weapons would place Western Europe in a worse position than in 1979. He is thought to have wide military support.

Mrs Thatcher has repeatedly emphasized the importance of cutting conventional and chemical weapons but has held back from linking this to an INF deal.

Such a linkage would, it is thought in Whitehall, scupper any chance of early agreement in the only arms control field that looks right for settlement.

Mrs Reagan: confident in her own political savvy.

Triumphant Mrs Reagan pursues arms control

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan's closest supporters are worried by the immense power being wielded by the President's wife, Nancy. Mr Howard Baker, the new White House Chief of Staff, let it slip the other day that Mrs Reagan could be a "dragon". Some aides say she is feared, others that she is just plain "difficult". All agree, however, that she has never exerted so much influence nor been so politically involved.

Some commentators are beginning to liken her, rather unfairly, to Mrs Edith Wilson, who effectively ran the Woodrow Wilson Government after her husband suffered a stroke in 1919. A leading conservative columnist, Mr William Saffire, wrote on Monday: "At a time when he most needs to appear strong, President Reagan is being weakened and made to appear wimpish and helpless by the political interference of his wife".

A string of Reagan aides have felt the wrath of Mrs Reagan. But no fight has been so spectacular as the long battle between her and Mr Donald Regan, who quit as White House Chief of Staff on Friday. Mrs Reagan used her contacts in the press to "leak" details of the feud, ensuring that public pressure on Mr Regan to quit did not subside.

Others ousted under her influence include: Mr John Sears, Mr Reagan's first 1980 election campaign manager; Mr Richard Allen, the former National Security Adviser; and, Mr James Watt, the former Interior Secretary. Mr Alexander Haig, the former Secretary of State, also claimed she was influential in his decision to depart.

Driven by concern for her husband's health and his place in history, Mrs Reagan is clearly determined to be actively involved in White House affairs for the remainder of the President's term. The former actress, who arrived in the White House six years ago as a diffident, disliked lady who was mocked for her simpering devotion to her husband, has clearly developed a strong confidence in her own political savvy.

White House officials say she has made it plain to the new Chief of Staff that she will not hesitate to promote her husband's interests. Asked at a White House press conference if he had conferred yet with the First Lady, Mr Baker said with a laugh: "No, but I expect to be talking to her later

Mrs Reagan, who regularly gives private luncheons for her favourite journalists, reportedly plans to focus her attention on seeking an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union, which she believes would be a successful finale to her husband's presidency.

"She has one deep concern now – how the President will go down in history," a White House official said. "That is what has always guided her actions but now, especially now, that is what is foremost for Nancy Reagan."

Mr Paul Laxalt, a former senator and close family friend, remarked: "Nancy Reagan's role now is to do what she does best – protect the physical and emotional strength of her man."

Rusting Beira to be reborn as top southern African port

From Paul Vallely, Beira

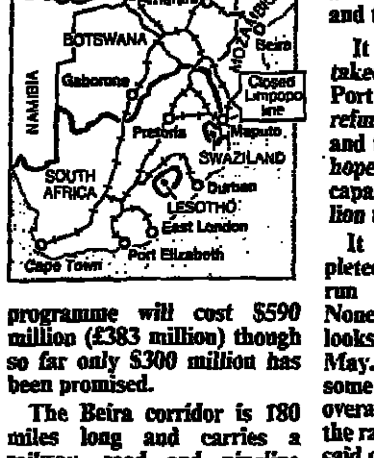
The port which the nine frontline states hope will eventually enable them to bypass South Africa resembles nothing so much as a scrap heap.

The first thing a visitor notices as he flies in over Beira is the rusting hulks of old tug boats now beached high on the fine white sand. Then come the oil tanks, some of them without their roofs, full of dirty brown rain water, like vast witches' caldrons. Then the railway sidings, where line after line of ancient corroding steam engines stand, still coupled to a whole trainload of battered rolling stock.

Beira is the port which in colonial times handled almost all the trains of white Rhodesia. But then came sanctions against the Smith regime which the newly independent Mozambique implemented with enthusiasm. They were far more expensive than the new Frelimo Government expected – some £250 million, according to UN estimates.

The long-term cost was even greater. The result was that white Rhodesia, forced to abandon its natural outlet to the sea, instead cemented its transport links to South Africa. Today Zimbabwe still transports 90 per cent of its imports and exports on that route to the Cape. The irony of a new set of sanctions is that they must wrench the economic order away from a north-south route and back to the old west-east one.

To do so, a 10-year plan to revitalize the old port has been prepared by the Beira Corridor Authority and submitted to donors for financing. The programme will cost $590 million (£383 million) though so far only $300 million has been promised.



The Beira corridor is 180 miles long and carries a railway, road and pipeline (owned by Lonhro) which provides Zimbabwe with almost all its oil. The first stage is the rehabilitation of the port. Finance has been secured for this through a $280 million programme backed by the Dutch, the Swedes, the EEC and the United States.

It includes a management takeover of the harbour by the Port of Amsterdam and a refurbishment of the wharf and the 50-year-old cranes. It hopes to double the annual capacity of Beira to two million tonnes.

It should have been completed by next month but has run into a few problems. Nonetheless the programme looks set for completion by May. "Already there has been some improvement. Traffic overall is up 12 per cent and on the railway it is up 8 per cent," said one consultant.

The second phase will take another three years to complete. It will deepen the harbour, create container facilities and special bulk handling terminals for grain, sugar and steel. It should bring the port's capacity up to 3.5 million tonnes a year.

Then the only problem will be the corridor itself and the guerrillas of the South African-backed Mozambican National Resistance who make regular attacks on the railway, pipeline and on the trucks which speed along a road pock-marked by mine explosions.

Resurfacing the road will cost a further $8 million, which the frontline states are hoping will come from the African Development Bank. Work on replacing the railway, which was built in 1899 at the insistence of Cecil Rhodes, is already under way with Mozambique and Zimbabwe in theory starting at either end and meeting somewhere in the middle, though in fact the National Railway of Zimbabwe seems to be doing all the work, protected by some 6,000 Zimbabwean soldiers.

For all the heavy military presence the corridor is still not entirely safe. A couple of lorries – whose drivers get a danger bonus – were attacked last month.

The troops travel on the lorries and the trains and also patrol the corridor on foot and in armoured personnel carriers. They have bunkers every half mile along the pipeline and the Zimbabwean Air Force has estalished a helicopter base at the most vulnerable point, halfway down the corridor at the town of Chimoio.

It is an expensive commitment but Zimbabwe intends to maintain it for as long as necessary.

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Jewish protester confronts Shevardnadze

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The Soviet Union's latest diplomatic initiative, into the Pacific, was given a rough ride yesterday when Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister and most senior Moscow official yet to visit Australia, arrived in Canberra.

Not only was Mr Shevardnadze met outside Parliament House by about 300 jeering anti-Soviet protesters, but he was confronted on arrival by a Jewish community leader who managed to get through security and join the welcoming party on the tarmac.

In keeping with the new brand of Soviet diplomacy, Mr Shevardnadze was unflustered by both encounters, showing a willingness to shake hands and talk to protesters.

He was met at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) military base in Canberra by Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, other Australian ministers and officials and Mr Graham de Vahl Davis, president of the Jewish Board of Deputies in New South Wales, who had flown to Canberra from Sydney that morning.

He took a taxi to the RAAF base where, he said later, he was asked for identification and was admitted after producing his driving licence.

After again showing his licence, he gained access to the landing area where a welcoming group had gathered.

When Mr Shevardnadze reached the end of the line of officials shaking his hand, Mr de Vahl Davis was there and wanted to know about Jews wishing to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

Later Mr de Vahl Davis had another opportunity to speak to Mr Shevardnadze. Through an interpreter, he asked: "Could you tell us something about the condition of Jews in the Soviet Union?"

Mr Shevardnadze replied: "Their life is good there".

Mr de Vahl Davis: "Why do they wish to leave?"

Mr Shevardnadze: "Who, who wants to leave? Those who want to leave, leave. Others come back when they want to. We have proposed to have in Moscow a special conference on human rights problems."

Mr de Vahl Davis: "There are about 400,000 Jews who wish to leave the Soviet Union, who are not permitted to leave".

Mr Shevardnadze then ended the conversation by saying: "Let's compare notes".

The theme of human rights was again taken up last night when about 300 people protested as the Soviet Minister dined with Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister.

Mr Hawke has long had close ties with Israel, and during a recent visit to the Middle East he promised to take up the case of Soviet Jewry with Mr Shevardnadze.

The main topics of discussion, however, were trade and Moscow's new focus on the Pacific, a region in which it had almost no presence until recently.

Mr Hayden, who is also due to talk with the Soviet minister today, will be responding to a speech by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, in Vladivostok last July in which he said Moscow would be trying to expand its ties with south Pacific countries.

Since then Moscow has signed a fishing areement with Vanuatu and expressed interest in others. Another, with Kiribati, however, has been allowed to lapse. The spectre has been raised of a major Soviet military presence at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam.

Mr Shevardnadze coming face to face with Mr Graham de Vahl Davis, president of the Jewish Board of Deputies, who had managed to slip into the official welcoming party for the Soviet Foreign Minister at Canberra RAAF base yesterday.

Korean police stifle opposition rallies

Seoul (Reuter) — The sixth anniversary of the inauguration of President Chun of South Korea was yesterday marked with an overwhelming show of police force to snuff out opposition attempts to stage a nation-wide "grand march for democracy".

In Seoul, where most of the opposition's efforts were concentrated, 30,000 riot police and plain-clothed men confronted a few thousand demonstrators, preventing any of them from reaching the park where the rally was to be held, witnesses said.

There were isolated clashes in the capital between rock-throwing students and police, who quickly dispersed them with tear gas. One police post was set on fire by a petrol bomb. Police sources said that more than 600 people had been arrested.

In the provinces, attempted marches in several cities including Pusan, Kwangju and Taegu, all foundered on the rock of police strength.

Students demonstrated on campuses and in the streets but there were no reports of serious violence. In Kwangju, a hotbed of unrest, one police post was attacked and several policemen hurt.

The overall results represented the third humiliation in three months for the anti-government street campaign led by the dissident leaders Mr Kim Dae-jung and Mr Kim Young-sam.

The Kims had been placed under house arrest, along with about 40 other dissidents, to prevent them from taking part in yesterday's protest, held to commemorate a student who died under police torture in January and to call attention to what the opposition calls the Chun Government's widespread human-rights abuses.

The Government admitted that Park Chong-chol died of police brutality during questioning by a special anti-communist unit, but denied opposition claims that this was the tip of an iceberg.

Shultz in China

Peking denies any return to past and confirms reforms

From Robert Grieves, Peking

China remains committed to its open door policy and economic modernization programme, Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said yesterday.

"That's what the Chinese told me, and I believe them," Mr Shultz said at a press conference at the Great Wall Hotel here on the third day of his six-day visit to China.

That assessment is at variance with the opinion of many China watchers in Hong Kong and Peking, who say that Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's reform-minded leader, appears to be locked in a political struggle with conservative elements within the party who oppose his programmes.

Mr Shultz is the highest-ranking American official to visit the People's Republic since Mr Hu Yaobang was forced to resign his post as general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party in January. Mr Hu's resignation has been followed by the dismissals or purges of several intellectuals and other government officials.

"Everyone wants to know how to interpret these events," Mr Shultz said. "I have raised these questions and I think we all have to agree that China is addressing issues of immense national significance, and doing it with an impressive seriousness of purpose . . . China is irrevocably launched on a course of modernization."

Mr Shultz said his hosts had told him that China's openness and modernization would not be synonymous with total Westernization. But, he emphasized, Chinese officials had said that the current political situation should not be considered "a return to the restrictions and repressions of the not-too-distant past".

The reforms had so far worked, and had given the Chinese people better lives, Mr Shultz said he was told. For that reason alone China would not deviate from the reforms, he said. "That's what I was told, and it makes sense," he said. China would continue "with a Chinese form of modernization".

Mr Shultz's China trip has been viewed by officials at the United States Embassy here as a good opportunity to see to what extent Mr Deng and his reform-minded supporters may or may not be losing power to conservatives within the party and the government bureaucracy.

When Mr Shultz and Mr Deng met yesterday, they assured each other that their countries would overcome their respective difficulties. Their meeting was characterized by good humour and light banter.

Mr Shultz gave the Chinese leader a letter from President Reagan. "I know the President has some difficulties now, but I think it doesn't matter," Mr Deng said, in an apparent reference to the controversy over US arms sales to Iran.

Mr Shultz replied: "Well, he's had a bad patch, but he's dealt with it very swiftly and has provided all information to the commissions that have been appointed."

Mr Deng said: "By engaging in politics and by running the government one has to meet with some troubles and difficulties. We also have such cases." He apparently referred to last year's student demonstrations in 12 Chinese cities that ultimately forced Mr Hu Yaobang from office and sparked the current "anti-bourgeois liberalization" campaign.

In obvious good humour, Mr Shultz replied: "Oh, is that so? I hadn't realized that." Both men laughed.

Mr Deng said that when the former President Nixon "had some difficulties" (a reference to the Watergate scandal and Mr Nixon's subsequent fall from power) China "had some different views of them compared with the views held by the United States". Mr Nixon, who signed the Shanghai Communiqué of 1972 renewing Sino-US diplomatic relations after a 23-year break, remains a popular figure in China.

"As for the troubles we have encountered," Mr Deng added, "I think you and our friends present also will express your understanding."

"Of course," replied Mr Shultz. "I think it is natural that people dwell on difficulties, but the big thing is the opportunities and the prospects, and that's what we must concentrate on, and that's what the President is directing his attention to."

Mr Shultz later said at the US-sponsored Dalian Management Training Center in the east coast port city of Dalian — which awards US Master's degrees in business administration to Chinese students — that he did not think bi-lateral relations would be helped by the expulsion of a Chinese journalist from the US in retaliation for the recent expulsion of an American reporter from China.

He said he said was optimistic about the future of Sino-US economic relations, and said that since 1972 direct American investment in China has totalled $1.2 billion (£764 million) while two-way trade was now $8 billion.

Mr Shultz also said that the Chinese had questioned him about the success of the United States in persuading other countries not to sell arms to Iran in the wake of the arms sales scandal. He said that the scandal had "of course" caused problems, but that the US was arguing "the merits of the case" — that the war would stop if no further arms were sold to Iran.

Chinese students studying an English-language copy of Mr George Shultz's address in Dalian yesterday.

Hundreds of quakes shake NZ

Auckland (AP) — Hundreds of strong aftershocks rattled New Zealand's North Island yesterday, a day after a powerful earthquake drove thousands from their homes, damaged a large earthen dam and injured at least 25 people in the Bay of Plenty region.

Police said two people were missing after the Monday afternoon quake that tore a mile-long fissure through rolling pastures and woodlands. An elderly man died of a heart attack during the earthquake, but police reported no other deaths.

Civil defence workers, assisted by volunteers and troops, joined residents of the worst-hit areas yesterday in cleaning up.

The earthquake measured 6.5 on the Richter scale. The aftershocks that continued more than 24 hours after the main event reached magnitudes of 4.5.

"We're getting at least one earthquake a minute appearing at the Tarawera seismometer," said Mr Peter Wood, a state geologist.

Damage has been estimated at £NZ15 million dollars (£5.5 million) and Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, who toured the area, said that many residents had insufficient or no earthquake insurance. He would be opening a fund to assist.

Aquino to raise cash for reform

From Keith Dalton
Manila

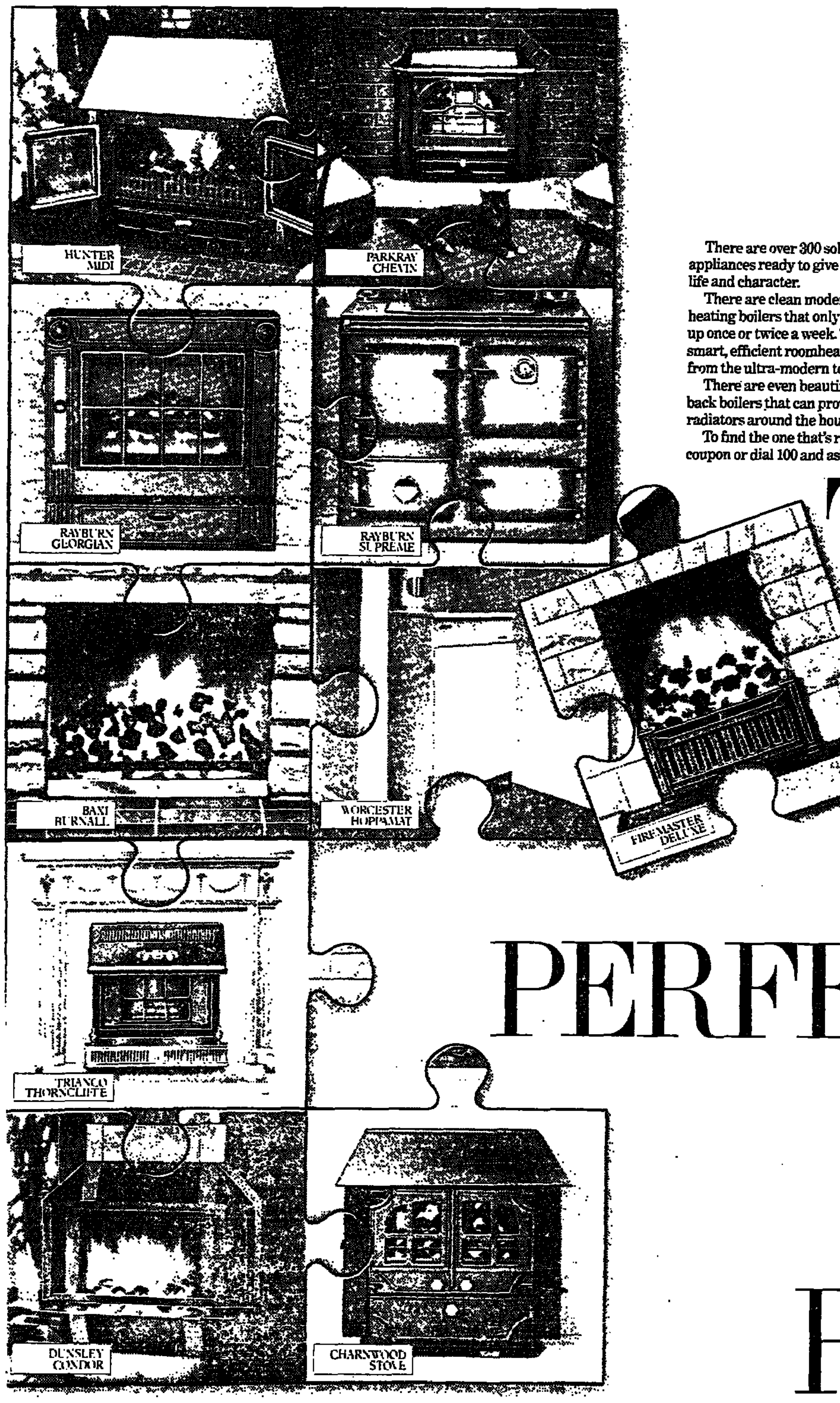
President Aquino yesterday ordered the sale of bankrupt companies seized from business associates of her deposed predecessor, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, to finance a sweeping land reform programme.

Mrs Aquino announced the financing scheme while more than 1,000 farmers and supporters marched near the presidential palace demanding the immediate implementation of the long-promised land reform programme.

The farmers, who were stopped by riot police at a barricaded bridge near the palace, also denounced sedition charges brought against their leader, Mr Jaime Tadeo, in connection with a similar rally on January 22, which ended in a riot when soldiers shot dead 15 demonstrators.

More than 300 sequestered firms, most of them bankrupt and classified as "non-performing assets", are expected to raise a total of $1.19 billion (£760 million), well below their market price of $5.25 billion (£3.3 billion).

The land reform programme, aimed at removing the cause of the 18-year-old communist insurgency, covers rice and corn land, and will later be extended to coconut and sugar estates.



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Shamir affirms loyalty to US as rejected spy faces sentence

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

"Israel is the United States' most loyal ally in the world," said Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, when he stepped off the aircraft last week bringing him back from a nine-day visit to America.

He was glad to report that all the time he was there "the Pollard affair" had scarcely been mentioned. It is an affair which has put the greatest strain on the trust needed between two allies.

Today, Mr Jonathon Jay Pollard is to be sentenced in Washington for spying for Israel, 15 months after he tried to obtain sanctuary at the Israeli Embassy with his wife, Anne, his cat "Dusty" and the family photograph album.

He had been followed there by 12 Federal Bureau of Investigation cars and the FBI agents gleefully arrested him after the Embassy security officer refused to allow in from the cold this enthusiastic, hard-working spy, who had suddenly become an acute embarrassment.

Justice Department officials have announced that prosecutors will seek a grand jury indictment naming Israeli Air Force Colonel Avi Sela (Reuter reports from Washington). The charges are that he recruited Pollard into a spy ring for the task of passing on top-secret US documents.

Meanwhile, Mr Pollard's Israeli contacts do not seem to have suffered at all from what happened, a fact which is still causing anger in Washington, where the Israeli role in the Iran arms affair is also viewed with suspicion.

Mr Pollard grew up in South Bend, Indiana, as a conscientious Jew and seriously considered emigrating to Israel. Instead he found a job as an intelligence research specialist at the US Navy Office in Suitland, Maryland, where he was assigned as a watch officer on anti-terrorist alert. This cleared him for access to highly secret information.

In early 1984 he was introduced to a young Israeli Air Force officer, Colonel Avi Sela, who was then a graduate student at New York University. He told him that in his work he often saw material which he felt Israel should know about and the air force officer quickly seized on this.

Colonel Sela appears to have known that the information would interest Mr Rafi Eitan, a disgruntled former Mossad agent — one of the team that abducted Adolf Eichman from Argentina — but who had failed to win the promotion he expected to the top of the agency. He had a desk in the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem and a budget of his own — with no one to control him.

He recruited Mr Pollard, appearing anxious to prove his worth by providing American intelligence reports. Colonel Sela returned home leaving the new spy to work for Mr Yosef Yagur, a science attaché at the Israeli Consulate in New York, who reported to Mr Eitan.

Every week Mr Pollard took hundreds of documents from his office, drove to a car wash, and while going through it transferred the papers to a special briefcase. Once a fortnight he would deliver an entire suitcase full of files to Mr Irit Erb, an Israeli Embassy secretary.

In return he received a monthly salary, which rose to $2,500 (£1,560), plus a further $10,000 (£6,250) cash for a trip to Paris with his wife. There was an undertaking that he would receive $30,000 (£18,750) a year for 10 years paid into a foreign bank account.

In case anything went wrong he was given an Israeli passport in the name of "Danny Cohen".

Greed appears to have destroyed the operation. His wife had a job with a firm that wanted a contract with the Chinese Embassy and Mr Pollard obtained documents about China for her. This was so unrelated to his work that suspicions were aroused and he was put under surveillance.

Announcing the arrest, the State Department said it was "shocked and saddened" by the case and it has remained so ever since, apparently unconvinced by the way Israeli leaders have washed their hands of the affair and blamed it all on Mr Eitan.

The information that Mr Pollard passed on included a description of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Tunis headquarters bombed by Israel in 1985, assessments of Iraqi and Syrian warfare production, the layout of Iraqi chemical factories, Soviet arms shipments to Syria, and Pakistan's atomic bomb potential.

The Pentagon was furious and there are suggestions that the leak compromised American intelligence-gathering throughout the Arab world. The prosecution is asking for a very long sentence, even though Mr Pollard has pleaded guilty and provided maximum information.

Mr Pollard now feels abandoned by the country he insists he was trying to help.

Jew charged under anti-terrorist law

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

A well-known left-wing Jew was charged yesterday with providing services for an illegal organization, which Israeli security services claim is one of the most ruthless of all terrorist groups, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). It is thought to be the first time that legislation for the prevention of terrorist activities has been used against a Jew.

The crime of Mr Michael Warshawsky was to use the presses he runs for printing leaflets and a booklet on how to withstand interrogation by Shin Bet, Israel's feared counter-intelligence service.

Mr Warshawsky, who has been in custody since the printing works was closed down two weeks ago, must stay in prison until the lengthy case against him is heard. There is still no date set for the hearing while investigations continue.

Closing the printing works also means the closure of the Alternative Information Centre in Jewish west Jerusalem, which produced embarrassing reports about detentions, torture and the situation in West Bank prisons, based on stories from released prisoners, their families and lawyers.

The centre was set up in 1984 by a group of left-wing Jews and a smaller number of Arabs, who believed that news about the West Bank was neither being released by the authorities nor researched by the local press.

Its bi-weekly publication, *News from the inside*, was aimed specifically at foreign correspondents, and stories based on its information sent round the world are known to have caused considerable annoyance and discomfiture in Israeli embassies.

Police insist that the closure order was not issued to silence the publication but because of real evidence that the presses were being used to help the outlawed PFLP. The charges relate to leaflets and newspapers seized when police raided the centre.

Mr Warshawsky is married to Mrs Leah Tsemel, one of the very few Israeli lawyers specializing in work for Palestinian security prisoners. Information from her clients was used in part for a pamphlet produced by the centre last year called *Policy of torture renewed*, which alleged persistent torture by Shin Bet interrogators.

Egypt to grant asylum for five Libyan airmen

From A Correspondent, Cairo

Five Libyan servicemen who landed their C 130 transport plane in southern Egypt will be granted political asylum by the Egyptian Government, government sources say.

The decision is expected to escalate hostility between Cairo and Tripoli.

The Libyans, a lieutenant-colonel, a lieutenant and three non-commissioned officers, were flying from Libya to Chad with food for Libyan forces fighting alongside Chadian rebels against the Government of President Habré, when they changed course and landed on Monday night at Abu Simbel airport, 765 miles south of Cairo.

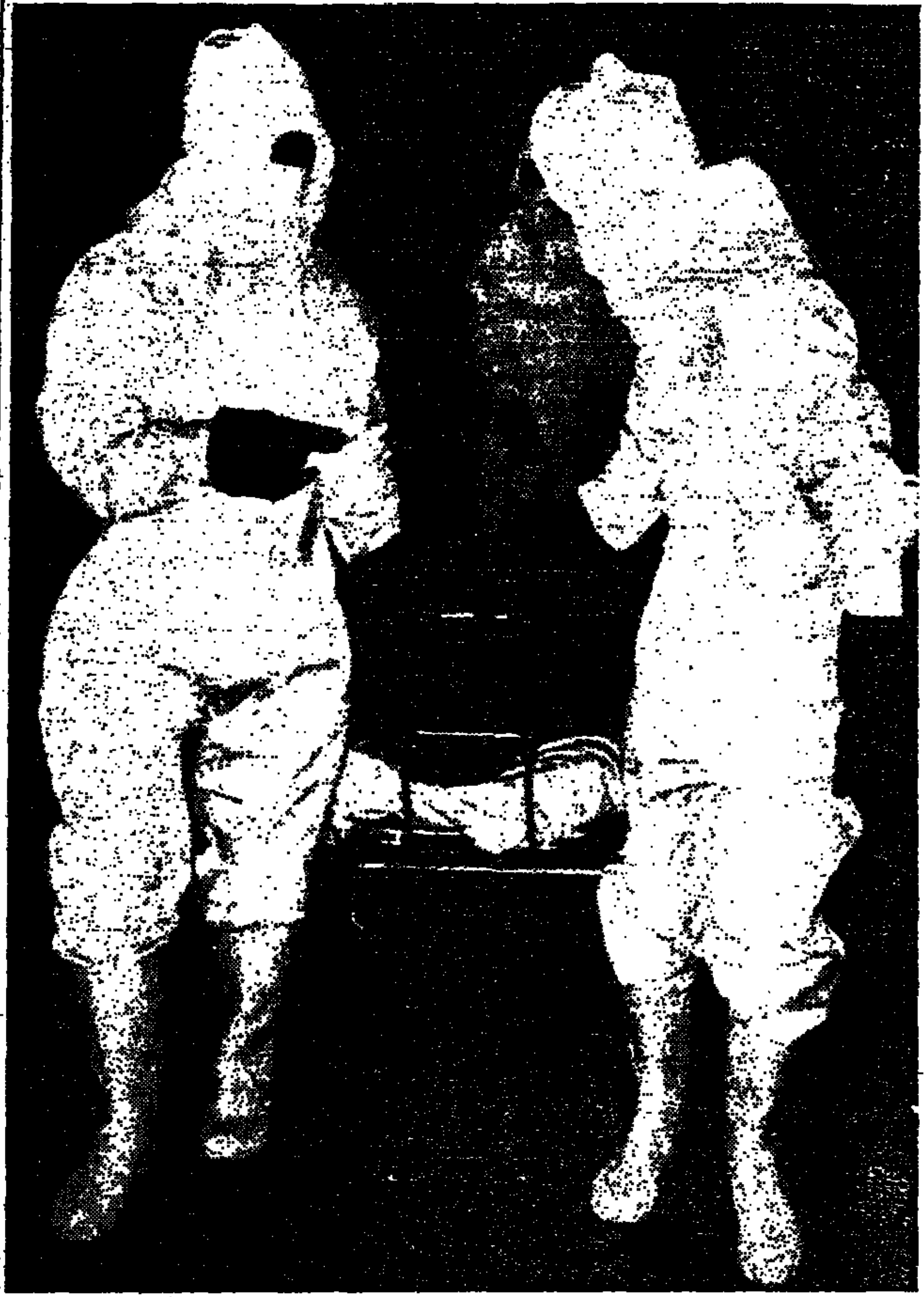
Two Egyptian C 130 aircraft were flown from Cairo at dawn yesterday to pick up the Libyans. The Libyan aircraft was left at Abu Simbel.

Jana, Libya's official news agency, reported that the aircraft was forced by bad weather to make an emergency landing at Abu Simbel.

Jana warned that if Egypt failed to return the plane, Libya would treat the case as "a seizure" and would not accept any other justification.

Last year the Egypt said it had thwarted a Libyan plot to assassinate several Libyan opposition figures living in Cairo.

Hong Kong Aids protection



Ambulancemen in protective clothing wheeling a patient suspected of having Aids into a Hong Kong hospital. Newspapers identify the patient, aged 43, as an African embassy employee in Peking. Meanwhile, Bulgaria announced that foreign victims of serious infectious diseases will be expelled, an apparent move to halt the spread of Aids to the country.

In the Hezbollah heartland

Islamic faith unscathed by Israeli helicopter gunships

From Robert Fisk, Khirbet Silm, southern Lebanon

Khirbet Silm is a Hezbollah village. You can tell the moment you drive up the steep little hill from the flower-covered wadi. Its houses are poor, and there are none of those red, green and black Amal militia signs that can comfort a foreigner in the hill villages of southern Lebanon.

Black flags hang from the rusting electricity poles, and there are no cheerful greetings of "*marhaba*" (hello), only grave and bearded young men who decline to shake hands and say slowly, right hand placed over the heart, "*salaam aleikum*" (peace be to you).

The peace of Khirbet Silm has already been broken by Israeli helicopter gunships, which have strafed the houses to the right of the crumbling main street. The Israelis believe, perhaps with good reason, that villagers were involved in a recent, devastating attack on a compound of their proxy "South Lebanon Army" militia.

Not a gun is to be seen in Khirbet Silm's alleyways, though there are several brand-new Mercedes cars in the village, sleek, rather frightening limousines with smoked-glass windows, radio transmitter aerials and dark little curtains in the back.

Two of them are parked outside the home of al-Sayed Abd al-Mohsen Fadlallah, cousin of the Hezbollah's spiritual leader and a religious teacher with his own Islamic school. Al-Sayed is a higher status than sheikh.

One of those serious, bearded young men pats his heart as we walk up the steps. "*Salaam aleikum*," he says, gesturing to the door.

It is a pleasant room, with a deep Persian carpet and a wall lined with religious texts. One of the al-Sayed's students, a small youth with dark hair hanging loose from beneath his turban, is also sitting beside the wall. He too touches his chest.

When the al-Sayed himself enters, they stand up quickly. He walks briskly across the carpet, hand outstretched, pointed grey beard well combed, a French cigarette poised inside a long black enamel holder. His gold-fringed brown robe bears a label; it was made in London.

He does not exude that special anger which militia leaders demonstrate. He speaks carefully, with hands slowly rising and falling, about the godlessness and hypocrisy of the West, the spiritual weakness of some of the Lebanese themselves, the inspiration of Iran.

Iran reported fresh gains in fighting near the Iraqi city of Basra yesterday, and an Iraqi general said he expected a new Iranian offensive in the area soon (Reuter reports from Bahrain). Gulf-based diplomats said Iran appeared to be launching raids from positions captured east of Basra since January 9.

"This 'democracy' about which you people talk, where is it?" he asks. "You take America. It says it is a democracy. It says it is a free country. But it gives jet aircraft to Israel — it gives them free of charge — and these aircraft are then used by Israel to bomb us."

The al-Sayed glances from his living-room window to the valley down which the Israeli helicopters had flown a few days earlier. "Innocent people have died because of what this American democracy does. If the Americans stopped doing this, if they would only understand that what they have done is wrong, then things might change."

But what about Lebanon's internal conflicts? Did the al-Sayed advocate an Islamic republic in Lebanon? He answered carefully, almost elliptically. "People who believe in God and see things in the long term, they will win. People who think only of the next hour, of their immediate surroundings, they will not win.

He speaks with special reverence of Iran. "You have been to the war front — are they trying to capture territory?" He waits for the reply before going on. "The Islamic Republic is not trying to capture land. It is not trying to set up other little Islamic republics. But people who suffer, who are deprived, people like us who are oppressed, who do not have a fair government . . . these people will always look to Iran."

As for those responsible for what has happened in Lebanon, al-Sayed Fadlallah says: "It is because of the past. It is because of the colonialism of France and Britain. It is because of what you (the West) have done to us . . ."

He pauses, a slight suspicion nagging him. After all, he is talking to a Western journalist. "Are you free to say what you want in your newspaper, or will this be censored?" He pauses again, picking his words carefully. "Listen. The problem of Lebanon and Beirut, it will continue because those people involved in these problems are not with God.

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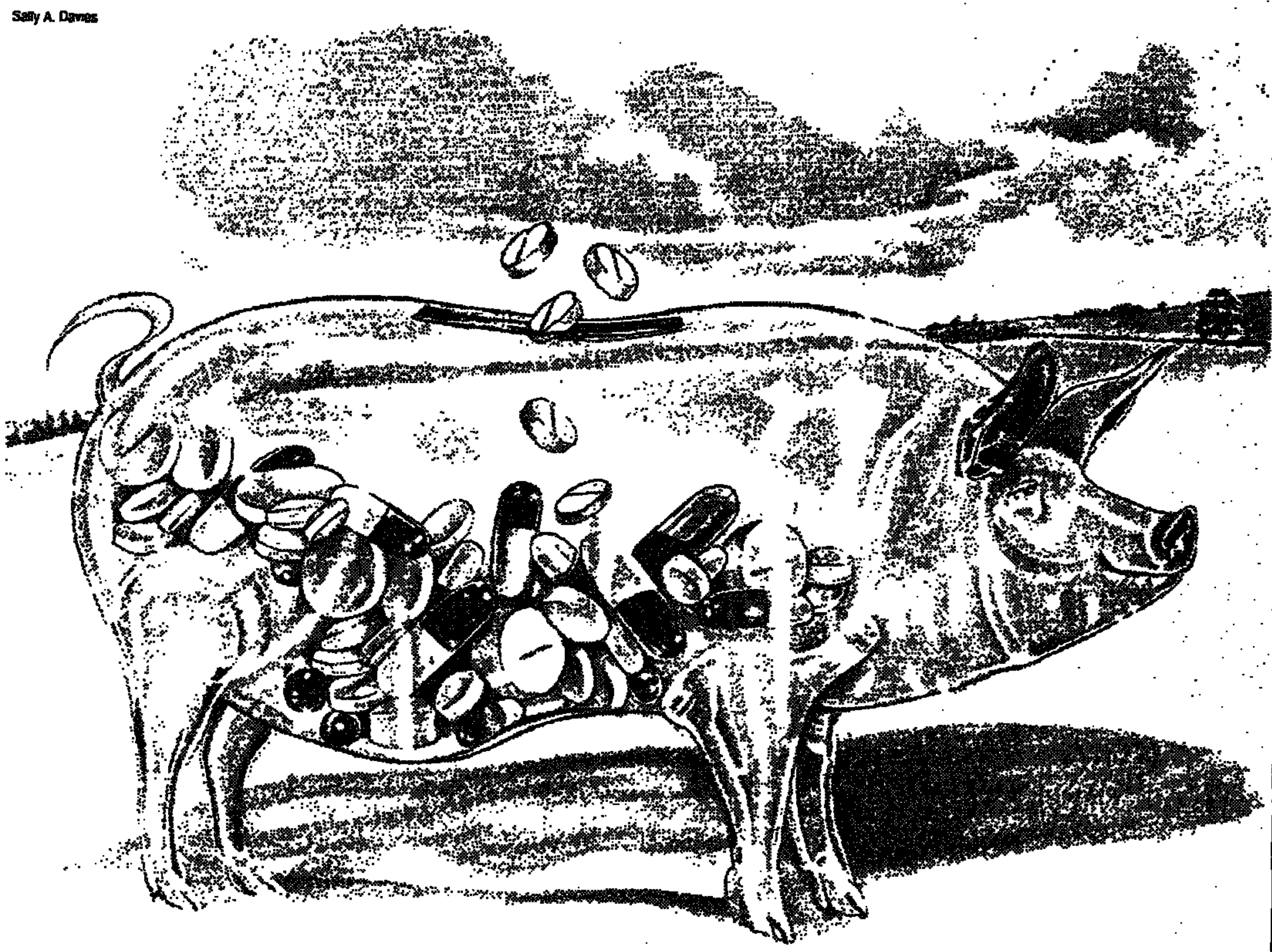


The bitter harvest

THE GLOBAL OVERDOSE
Part 3: Danger on the farm

Intensive factory farming methods have destroyed some of our greatest weapons in the fight against disease. Concluding our series on the misuse of antibiotics, we look at their use in promoting animal growth and ask: should the restrictions be tightened?

Twenty-five years ago the farming community thought it was on to a winner: it found that the tetracycline group of antibiotics when used not just against disease, but also when given in small quantities to healthy animals, made livestock grow faster.

In humans, tetracyclines were useful against a range of chest and other infections. Then rural doctors began to notice that an increasing proportion of their child patients were no longer responding to tetracyclines whereas in cities the drugs were still effective.

The resistance was particularly apparent in children whose fathers worked as stockmen on farms. Workers handling the feeding stuffs containing tetracyclines were becoming hosts to bacteria that was resistant to the drugs, and were passing the resistance on to their families. Soon the resistance spread to the towns.

Today the drugs would not be favoured anyway because they can discolour the teeth. But their effective life was shortened, and the cost of developing them largely wasted, because of their misuse on farms.

It was the same story with another antibiotic, neomycin, used against diarrhoea. Farmers found it was as good for scouring their pigs and calves as it was for their ailing children. Resistance started at an intensive calf-rearing unit in Dorset and within a matter of months neomycin mixtures had become useless for treating childhood diarrhoea.

After these disasters, a committee of inquiry was set up to look at antibiotic resistance, with special reference to agriculture. The Swann Report of 1968 recommended strict new rules, particularly restricting the amounts that could be added to feed stuffs.

But growth-promotion is one of those pieces of chemical magic on which today's farm surpluses are based. Officially, chemicals can be added only by the manufacturers – but there is also a "black market" of unknown proportions. It can improve the growth rates of animals by 10 per cent and the efficiency of their conversion of food into flesh by 5 per cent.

With pigs and poultry, the cost of food makes up 85 per cent of the cost of the product, and the economic pressure to lace the feed with antibiotics when everybody else is doing so is extremely strong.

A link between the farm and the dining table is amply illustrated by recent findings in the United States. Three months ago, two scientists from the US Centre for Disease Control reported in *Science* magazine that 90 per cent of resistant strains of salmonella, which causes food poisoning, could be traced back to livestock by a technique of "plasmid fingerprinting".

Plasmid is a replicating agent in bacteria which can be identified and compared with a suspected source of infection. Using the technique, scientists claimed they could trace back a particular strain "from the patient to the hamburger and then to the cow".

Many voices in the medical world insist that use of drugs on farms still represents a threat to those antibiotics which still retain their efficacy. On the veterinary side, the charge is that many GPs are too ready to prescribe antibiotics as a kind of all-purpose magic potion, while their patients too often take just enough of a course of drugs to weaken – but not kill – the bacteria.

Antibiotics are used in two main ways in farming: to cure disease or ward off an epidemic. But its third role, in growth-promotion, "has produced an increasingly hazardous threat to humans and this should not be tolerated", say microbiologists at the Central Public Health Laboratory. They are critical of present practices as well as the mistakes of the past, and include both therapeutic and growth-promoting use in their criticisms of "misguided and inappropriate use".

But not all doctors agree. "Animal use of antibiotics has been a bit overplayed," says Professor J.D. Williams, of the London Hospital. "One or two outbreaks of diarrhoeal disease have been traced to resistant bacteria in animals. But it does not happen easily because animal bacteria are slightly different from ours. With the *staphylococcus* – which is our special problem – it could only happen through a rather unlikely process of genetic exchange."

Dr David Wishart, chairman of the medicines committee of the British Veterinary Association, says: "We are more and more selective in our veterinary use. Since the Swann Report, no antibiotics of real therapeutic value in man have been used in growth-promotion in the UK.

"It is often claimed that resistance can pass to workers handling carcasses and so on, but the link is unproven. Even if there is a link, it is of minuscule importance compared with the selective pressures exerted by the use of antibiotics in hospitals."

Yet modern factory-farming methods have come to depend heavily on antibiotics as infection can spread very quickly among animals or poultry kept penned up in large numbers. Last year new veterinary regulations came into force to extend the use of "withholding periods", a device designed to make sure that animals are not slaughtered until enough time has passed to allow any resistant bacteria fostered by drug use to disappear from their bodies.

Using antibiotics for therapeutic purposes in farming is allowed only on prescription by a vet, and farmers claim that growth promotion cannot encourage resistance. They say the small doses used inhibit but do not kill vulnerable bacteria, so that the way is not cleared for resistant ones to fill their place. But how drugs work when used in this way is still not fully understood. Until they are, some experts say, controls should be tighter.

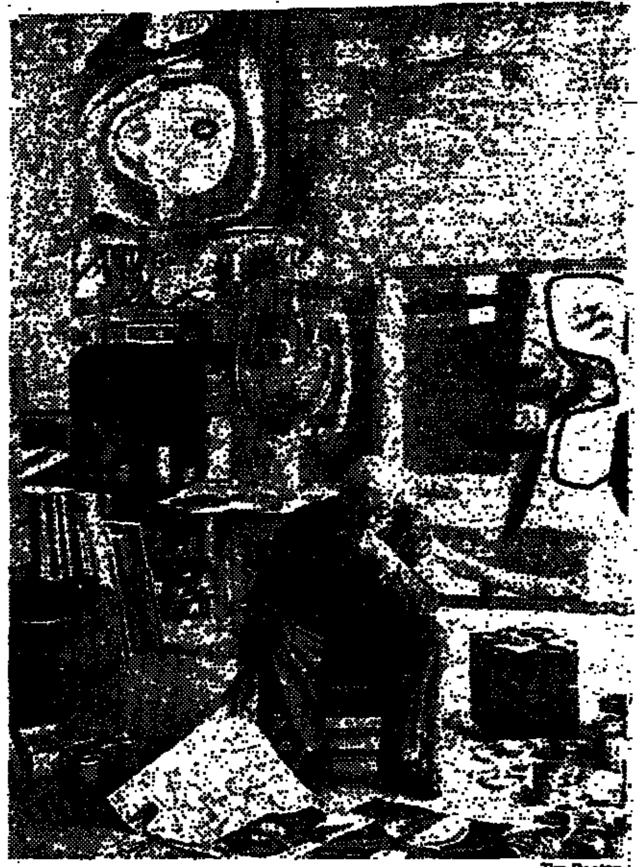
Doctors and vets will probably argue for ever over who is most to blame for the errors which have caused precious weapons in the fight against disease to be blunted before their time. But once a resistant strain is implanted in the human species, there is little that either doctors or vets can do to eliminate it.

Reports by George Hill, Thomson Prentice, Pearce Wright and Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Architect of our sky-high life

Our ugly council tower blocks and buildings on stilts all owe something to Le Corbusier. Was he a genius or an egomaniac?

Cartier-Bresson



Tim Benton

A machine for living was how Le Corbusier (top) saw a home; his vast Unité d'Habitation (above) houses 1,600 people

He was either the most comprehensively gifted visual artist since Michelangelo – or a monster of egotism and inhumanity whose works have contributed directly to the post-war desecration of our towns and cities. When it comes to Le Corbusier, it is difficult to find a fence on which to sit.

Britain does not have a single one of his buildings. Yet probably no town in the country has escaped his influence. His legacy is visible in every building raised on stilts, every exterior staircase turned into a geometric, concrete spiral, every strip of horizontal "ribbon" windows and every huge, rectangular block of council flats.

'He failed to realize that people are not machines'

The reputation of aggressively modern architecture has been poor in this country for 20 years. Above all others, Le Corbusier has been blamed. So an exhibition to mark the centenary of his birth, entitled *Le Corbusier: Architect of the Century*, might be said to be asking for trouble.

"His dream was fundamentally wrong," says Rod Hackney, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects. "His housing projects are the reason for the collapse of the whole modern movement in architecture and the cause of the housing problem in this country. All those designers who followed his ideas about streets in the sky and machines for living failed completely to realize that people cannot live like machines."

For Hackney the disaster of Le Corbusier's legacy arises from his radical ideas on housing and urban planning. In the 1920s he produced schemes for vast cities with widely-spaced 60-storey blocks of flats. The argument was that, by building high, huge areas of greenery would be freed for the inhabitants.

It was from those schemes that the tower-block, so beloved of British councils during the 1960s, was born. But it was another Le Corbusier building – the Unité d'Habitation in Marseilles – that was to have the most profound influence. This vast concrete slab, set in open parkland, houses 1,600 people and was the model for thousands of disastrously poor imitations across the world. In the London suburb of Roehampton similar blocks did work, but south-east London is littered with soulless mimicry of the master's idea.

Hackney does not argue about the quality of some of Le Corbusier's other work. "He was a schizophrenic artist," he says. "On the one hand there was the housing and on the other he showed himself to be a genius with individual buildings. With the chapel at Ronchamp and the monastery at La Tourette he demonstrated that he could produce buildings that did what architecture should do – lift the spirit." In fact, most of Le Corbusier's finished buildings were meant to be one-offs rather than models for mass production.

He was born Charles Édouard Jeanneret in Switzerland and took Le Corbusier as a signature for his architecture in the 1920s. From the practice that he shared at the time with his cousin, Pierre Jeanneret, there emerged not only the visionary cities but also some of the most influential buildings of the age. These included one-off houses like the villa at Garches, near Paris, and the Villa Savoye at Poissy, cool, complex buildings which are still being analysed.

'He was one of the great architects of the age'

But Le Corbusier's inventiveness meant he could not stand still. He moved away quickly from the clinical look – planting a tree to grow through the roof of the Pavillon de l'Esprit Nouveau in 1925, building a wall of random rubble for the Swiss Students' Hostel in Paris in 1932.

"People often say that Corb and the other great figures of that generation threw away the past," says Sir Denys Lasdun, architect of the National Theatre. "But they were really steeped in the past. Every word he wrote shows him attempting to come to terms with it."

Many of the problems of the Le Corbusier legacy arise from the man himself. He was obsessed and arrogant, "full of contradictions", explains Colin St John Wilson, professor of architecture at Cambridge and designer of the new British Library.

"Many of the things he wrote were contradicted by the things he built. But in the early 1920s he did establish the first new and complete canon of architecture since the 13th century. It was complete technically and complete stylistically."

In his later years Le Corbusier was taken on by the British architect Maxwell Fry to build the administrative centre of the Indian city of Chandigarh. Along with Fry's wife Jane Drew, they worked together for three years.

"He was without doubt one of the great architects of the age," Fry says. "His influence is all around us. He was a difficult man to get on with, because he was always so wrapped up in his work. He didn't suffer fools gladly, but he was a great friend."

On one aspect of Le Corbusier's legacy everybody is agreed – it is too huge and too varied to be fully understood just yet.

Bryan Appleyard

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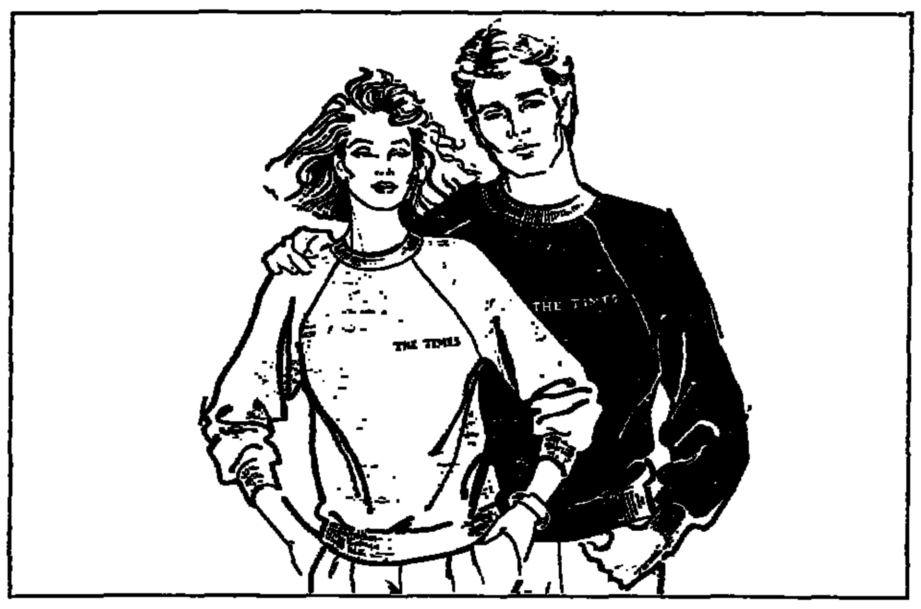

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POISON IN THE KITCHEN

Although carelessness in storing and preparing food is the most important factor in causing outbreaks of food poisoning, some experts are now blaming the growth of resistant strains of salmonella on "misguided use" of antibiotics in animal feeds and medication.

Food poisoning by resistant bacteria poses an increasing health threat. More than twice as many people in England and Wales than 10 years ago now fall victim to food poisoning, and there are more than 50 deaths a year. In the United States the trend is worse, with 40,000 cases and 500 deaths a year.

As many as a quarter of these outbreaks may involve resistant strains. One in four laboratory tests of the organism which is the most common culprit – *salmonella typhimurium* – show a drug-resistant form. Among 12 other salmonella strains responsible for major outbreaks, tests have found that more than 10 per cent are resistant forms.

The Public Health Laboratory Service's publication *Microbiology Digest* recently expressed alarm over the appearance of new virulent strains.

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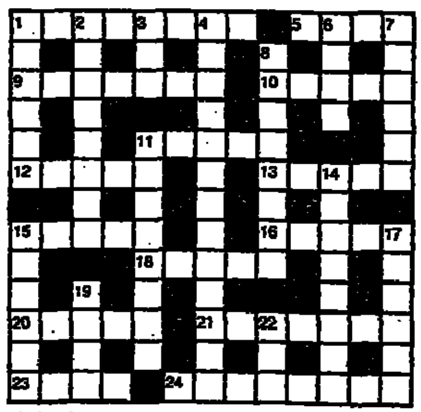

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Behind the Vietnam lines

While Oliver Stone, the director of *Platoon*, was fighting in Vietnam, his wife-to-be was demonstrating against the war. Twenty years on, **Gabrielle Donnelly** discovers, Elizabeth Stone shares her husband's controversial view that screen violence can campaign for peace

Maureen Donaldson

Home guard, happy family: Oliver Stone with his wife Elizabeth and water pistol-packing son, Sean

"I never come out of seeing it without wanting several double Martinis — and quick. I've seen it many times now, and each time I feel as if I've been kicked in the face. It takes me a long time — a *long* time — to stop shaking." So says Mrs Oliver Stone, on her husband Oliver Stone's latest film, *Platoon*, the frankly autobiographical — no-holds-barred and with no drop of blood, severed limb, or kicked-in head spared — account of a year in the life of an enlisted young American in the Vietnam War.

It is the movie all Hollywood is talking about. But for Elizabeth Stone, 37 years old, blonde, feisty and distinctly un-Hollywood, it represents something more than simply eight Academy nominations, or a better table at the latest "in" restaurant: it is a piece of her husband's past.

"Oliver's never talked to me much about Vietnam," she says candidly, relaxing in their Santa Monica home: "I think it's just a part of his life he hasn't particularly wanted to share with me. He talks about it to his buddies who were there with him, but not to me. I don't know why, and I'm certainly not about to pry into it.

"I do know that when he first came back he was very scared, very angry: his mother and his first wife tell me he was like a wild animal for years. Even when I met him, in 1979, he was bitter. He's mellowed out a lot, although he still has nightmares. But again, he doesn't really tell me about them. It's strange. I just read an interview with him, where he talked about a dream he'd had in the last year that he had to go back to Vietnam, and said he'd woken up sweating and shaking. I don't even remember his having that dream, but here I was reading about it in the press. That was a bit weird."

Their two upbringings could hardly have been more dissimilar. One of seven children, her father killed in the Korean War, Elizabeth Stone grew up in Texas and was "rabidly anti-war". Oliver, four years older, was a product of the New York upper-crust, enduring a childhood that was both spoilt and lonely.

"He was an only child, with a doting mother and a rigid father: the only person he really got on with was his grandmother. The character in *Platoon* is always writing letters to his grandmother, and that's exactly what Oliver did. He had a lot of conflict with his father, who was always telling him 'I won the war', and so, when the Vietnam War came along, he thought he'd prove to both of them that he could fight, too. Now, that was a war that, if you were a member of the middle class, it was very easy to get out of. I lived through that war, and apart from Oliver I don't know anyone who went. But he did. Partly because of his father, partly for patriotism, partly just for the adventure. We have photographs of him in his uniform, a great big brawny, strapping kid. GI Joe."

Meanwhile, his wife-to-be was earning herself a healthy file with the FBI by demonstrating against that very same war. But this, she says, does not cause conflict between them: "In fact, it's something we have in common, oddly enough. It wasn't till Oliver got over there that he realized what a mistake we were all making. He loved the Asian people, and he realized that we had no business over there. So we both came out of it with the same political view. Which is, basically, anti-war."

They met at a Hollywood party, and have been together ever since. "It was love at first sight. Oliver's very charming — when he's not rattling people's cages, which in those days he liked to do quite a lot. He's a lot more diplomatic now. We've influenced each other. I think I've calmed him down, been, maybe, a buffer in his life. And he's spurred me on, because *I* can be passive. So we're a good couple.

"When we were first together, we were in with rather a bad crowd, we were doing drugs — nothing with needles, but coke and social drugs like that. But a few years ago, we decided to clean up our act. We wanted to grow old gracefully so we made some dramatic changes in our lives."

They also got married and had a baby. "We were turning into Dincs — you know, double income, no children — and we didn't want that. People who never have children always stay children themselves. So we had Sean two years ago, and he's been the most marvellous addition to our lives. He makes Oliver laugh, he makes *me* cry . . . he's a delight," she says.

"It's been fascinating watching him grow up because of this whole debate about environment versus instinct. Now, we're not a violent family. We don't have war toys around the house, we don't watch violent shows on television, we're pretty peaceful people. And yet Sean just *loves* the idea of shooting things. He'll take a doll, or a stick, or anything, and make it into a gun. Today, he's playing with a water pistol that one of his friends must have left behind, because *I* certainly didn't buy it for him.

"What would I do if he went off to war? Please don't get me on that, it's one of my worst nightmares! You know, the year he was born, there were more boys born than girls, and they do say that means a war when they grow up: but then, if you're a parent, you have nightmares anyway — traffic accidents, the suicide rate among adolescents — things you don't even think about if you're not a parent. This is a violent world."

Not that you sense any particular violence around the Stones' house. Comfortable rather than showy, it is, in defiance of Hollywood tradition, a home — albeit an elegant one — rather than a mansion, and looks likely to stay that way.

During the conversation, telephones ring, coffee is poured and dogs lay heads on laps; Sean runs around waving the contentious water pistol, his shyness gradually being replaced by a grin that is the image of his father's; Oliver himself, harried by a Swedish television crew, and a gardener who will not switch off a noisy lawnmower, appears occasionally for a dutifully friendly word with his wife's visitors. Despite it all, the place is resoundingly normal, not the home where you would expect to find the man who is currently one of Hollywood's most controversial figures.

Elizabeth does not complain about the controversy surrounding *Platoon*: far from it. "The more the better," she says cheerfully. "It doesn't bother either of us at all. Is it a violent film? Yes, of course, but it's not violence with no reason. It's a film about the horrors of war, and it should be realistic. People should be shaken up by it.

"There are kids growing up today who don't know about the Vietnam War — it's just too recent to be taught in history class at school — and who should know about it, because we're teetering on the brink of the very same situation in Central America."

She pauses, shakes back her blonde hair and laughs: "Can you believe that there are kids who are almost grown-up, who weren't even born during Vietnam?"

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Press now for legal action

Are cash-cards a way towards financial independence for teenagers — or a signpost to debt?

The one-year-old Banking Ombudsman Council recently gave its blessing to the idea of current account cash-cards for youngsters; but when it came to deposit account cash-cards the council was less fulsome. During the past year, a number of complaints had been received from parents of children who were using the magic machine too freely to draw upon their savings. As a result, the council suggested that all banks should consider requiring parental signatures on cash-card applications from children under 16.

Yet it is the current account cash-card that causes parents concern, particularly those whose teenage children have accounts at banks that allow them to withdraw more money than they have.

Barclays, TSB and Lloyds do not allow money to be withdrawn if it is not covered by funds: this is known as the On-line system. But at Midland and Natwest — whose cash-dispensing machines can be used by customers of both banks — the system used is not strictly on-line.

A year ago, the Midland Bank asked parents if they thought their 14-year-olds could be trusted with a cash-card. It was not a popular idea. When the same question was put to the youngsters, the reply was "Yes, please". But when the "accidental overdraft" hazard was explained to them, "the youngsters admitted it was asking an awful lot of them", Midland's Youth Marketing Manager, Jon Collings, said. "They could see themselves getting overdrawn without meaning to, especially during the evenings or weekends when the computer wouldn't be able to let them have a statement."

After this research, Collings said, Midland decided not to issue cards to 14-year-olds, "particularly not at this stage of technology. Nobody under 16 gets a cash-card at this bank — but they can at National Westminster. And all holders of cash-cards from Midland and NatWest can 'accidentally' overdraw so long as they are within the agreed weekly cash limit — often £25 for a 16-year-old."

Neither bank admits to a problem with its young cash-card holders, but within the space of a week I came across three schoolboys — aged 15, 16 and 17 — whose accounts with Natwest have been overdrawn, at any one time, between £25 and £70. The mother of the 16-year-old said: "We opened the account for him when he got a part-time job and we were also paying in his pocket money every month. We did not realize he could overdraw. The next thing we knew, he was dashing upstairs with letters from the bank that he refused to show us. When we discovered he was overdrawn my husband went to the bank manager and asked that our son should not to be allowed any more money out of the machine. My husband settled the overdraft."

A NatWest spokesman said that only two out of the bank's 10,000 cash-card holders aged 14 and over had become bad debtors. "They are required to demonstrate their ability to manage money by saving at least £25 before applying for a card. We believe that the great majority of young people are responsible in using their finances and expect the bank to treat them as responsible people.

"It is a condition that they cannot use a card to overdraw unless by arrangement with the bank."

But don't parents usually settle such debts? The spokesman was not prepared to elaborate. "Any breaches receive individual attention by the relevant branch manager and are subject to the specific circumstances," he said.

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Students of nostalgia

A toyland atmosphere pervades the Design Council. Are our young designers obsessed with the nursery?

James Toleman, who recently graduated from the Central School of Art and Design, stood beside his exhibit at the Design Centre's "Young Creators" exhibition yesterday and reminisced about the design that got away — for a Sodastream drinks' dispenser; it was, he said, a riot of Art Deco, chrome tubing, buttons and curly bits, a Flash Gordon-style child's chemistry set, far removed from the straightforward image of conventional kitchen equipment.

"It was wonderful — covered with all the buttons I could fit on. It should have been in a film with Jean Harlow. But the Sodastream sales department turned it down because it was impossible to produce."

Perhaps James's Sodastream design should have been in the exhibition. Its impracticability, nostalgia and ridiculous sense of fun would have been quite at home among storage heaters that look like magicians' boxes; an organic hi-fi cabinet that has strayed in from the set of *Alien*; an iron that thinks it is a Victorian flat-iron and a hairdryer and shaving set that have no idea what they are.

There is, in short, a toyland atmosphere; the designers of tomorrow — the vast majority of the chosen students are already installed in their first jobs — believe that we need to have fun in all we do, and that we should be reassured that the world is a cosy, safe place, full of jokes.

They jolly us along with bright colours and clownish shapes. Jacqueline Ladd, from Manchester Polytechnic, designs curvy pressure cookers "to help dispel consumer suspicion" of the method. Andy Davey, from the Royal College of Art and Design, designed a microphone that is a pastiche of early radio equipment — so that its users, presumably, can pretend that Lord Reith still holds sway at the BBC and all is right with the World Service.

As James Toleman found to his chagrin, manufacturers are rarely enticed by designs that look like cut-outs from children's comic books. The designer of the most bizarre piece in the show, Ken Dixon, admits that his Surrealist hairdryer and shaver ("the dryer is inspired by a windsock and the shaver is on a cockerel motif, suitable for the morning, which gets away from the macho image of shavers"), will have to be modified a bit for a potential buyer.

Designs on your glassware: Della Tinsley, an exhibitor

Some of the designs are "a bit student whimsical", comments Dixon, who once made an "aggressive telephone kiosk" from sheets of corrugated iron so that it looked semi-vandalized. Sandra Hennessey's toy-like gas cooker, designed in collaboration with a leading manufacturer, is hailed as a fine example of new design. Why are so many of these rising young designers producing nursery fantasies?

"You see, product designers are a special breed," explained Della Tinsley, a glassware maker. "They all dress like mad professors, and try to be whacky all the time — little coloured jackets, little round specs. They are usually men who would be doing something quite dull like engineering if they didn't have an artistic flow — so they are determined to be thoroughly zany."

But there is another school of thought among the younger generation of designers. Jeweller Ryan Solomon, and his co-worker and fellow exhibitor Susan Cross, are exponents of the non-nostalgia school: they produce jewellery that is novel without being nostalgic or gimmicky. Ryan traces watery designs onto silver and gold and Susan crochets gold and silver wire into ladylike earrings and buckles. Both are scathing of the other, nostalgic-toy school, what Ryan calls the "501 Levis commercial style" which dominates the Design Centre this week.

"We have seen this cliché before," said Ryan, who at 30 is one of the oldest exhibitors. "It is very passé. All the rounded lines, the curves — we saw them in the Thirties, the late Sixties, the Seventies — and here they are again."

Sarah Thompson

The "Young Creators" exhibition is at the Design Council, 28 Haymarket, London SW1 (01-839 8000) until April 10. Then it will tour to Glasgow, Manchester and Leicester.

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Skills to support

New Directions for Women may sound like a matrons' map-reading club, but their purpose is to help women to navigate the potentially treacherous waters of middle-age. Mothers whose full-time occupation has been child-raising, careerists who've single-mindedly pursued their goals, can suddenly crave a new direction, so a six-session informal workshop called the Job Seekers Support Group begins next Wednesday (March 11) to help "women at crossroads" discover hidden talents and skills and learn what opportunities may be available in the workplace. Details of the course (to be held in Fulham, London), or New Directions' publication list, are available from Avril Macnamara, 39 Queens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6JX (01-940 1730).

Decor doodle

Carolyn Warrender, an expert on the fashionable art of stencilling, has produced a booklet to teach novice-stipplers how to start from scratch; it includes historic American folk-art designs and her own geometric and floral shapes. It costs £1 from the Stencil Store, 1 Ellis Street, London SW1, or £1.35 (including p & p) from Carolyn Warrender Stencil Designs, PO Box 358, London SW11

Stylish snips

Unless you have the time and money to swan into a salon every time your hair needs a wash, new hairstyles are a fleeting ego-boost, often impossible to recreate at home. Now some enterprising American salons have an answer — for £10, clients can have a 10-minute videotape which records the stylist's sleight of hand with dryer, mousse and lacquer, to play back at home. Lights, camera — scissors . . .

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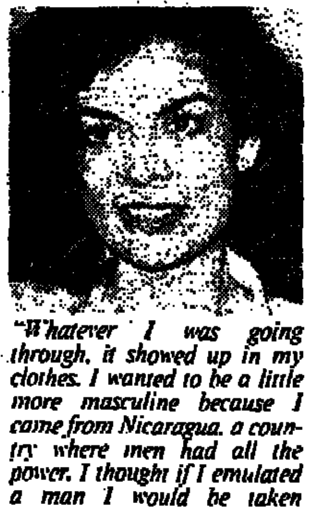

"Whatever I was going through, it showed up in my clothes. I wanted to be a little more masculine because I came from Nicaragua, a country where men had all the power. I thought if I emulated a man I would be taken seriously." Bianca Jagger.

On-off switch

Children often become miraculously hard of hearing when it comes to the message of how to help to cut fuel bills. But two theatre groups organized by the Department of Energy — Zippo and the Energised Guyz — seem able to succeed where parents fail, travelling to primary schools throughout the country to communicate the energy-saving message, teaching children about turning off lights, dressing warmly, closing doors and other useful hints: your child's teacher should contact Bill Hewitt, Energy Efficiency Office, Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4QJ (01-211 3000) for details.

Ashy habits

Traditionally, today — Ash Wednesday — is time to give something up for Lent. In Paula Yates's case it's Chanel, in mine it's chocolate, but if cigarettes are your vice, there's the chance to get one week's head start on National Non-Smoking Day (March 11). Allen Carr, formerly a 100-a-day man who now helps smokers to kick the habit, insists in his book *The Easy Way To Stop Smoking* (Penguin, £2.95) that giving up need not be agony: he describes his self-help method as "like coming out of a drugged, twilight world into sunshine and freedom". Perhaps you thought only a holiday did that, but with the money you save, you could afford a week in the Bahamas . . .

Josephine Fairley

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NO TO TEACHERS' STRIKES!

PAT calls upon all teachers to **reject** industrial action at this time

The argument that strikes are justified because negotiating rights are being removed is **nonsense.** We pose three questions:

- How can it be defensible to attack children's lessons over a purely political issue?
- Whose fault is it that current negotiating rights have become some kind of sick joke? Does not responsibility lie with those now calling for industrial action?
- What is the use of teachers disrupting schools in order to protest at what has become inevitable?

Here is what teachers' organisations should do:

- Ensure teachers are paid their increase without delay once it has been awarded.
- Encourage teachers to adopt a responsible attitude to contractual conditions of service, since they will be based upon conditions agreed in recent ACAS negotiations.
- Begin new discussions to provide effective negotiating arrangements once the interim advisory committee has run its course.

Sir John Wordie, Chairman of the Burnham Committee, says of the three years during which the interim advisory committee is scheduled to exist:

"Use to the best advantage that period to produce a really good form of collective bargaining."

Teachers should be getting on with that rather than planning disruption.

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Heil and farewell

Douglas Hurd's rebuff to the Simon Wiesenthal Centre on Monday should not lead one to underestimate the influence of Greville Janner, its British standard bearer. Four years ago, I learn, the pugnacious Labour MP was instrumental in dissuading Alan Clark, now the trade minister, from giving a lecture to Oxford University Monday Club entitled: "Adolf Hitler, Statesman, Philosopher and Wit". Clark, who chose the title though not the subject, wrote to the then Monday Club secretary: "Revisionism is all the rage at the moment and I would be happy to fly the kite." He added: "Provided we are not picketed by representatives of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, it should be an entertaining event." (The Irgun Zvau Leumi was the Jewish group, now disbanded, that blew up the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.) I understand that when Janner was informed of Clark's plans he made a private approach warning of the offence it could cause. Neither party now wishes to comment.

● ***Caterer and Hotel Keeper*** **magazine has just heard from the director of catering for the Sultan of Oman's air force seeking the recipe for an "up-market" toad-in-the-hole. What's wrong with sheep's eyes, all of a sudden?**

Rough Justus

Expect fireworks next Tuesday when Archbishop Tutu conducts a service at Durham Cathedral after his installment as freeman of the City. With appalling timing, Dr Justus de Goede, the South African chargé d'affaires, will be addressing the Durham University Union Society – a mere "hop, skip, and a jump" from the cathedral. The society's president David Hannah tells me the clash of dates is sheer coincidence – with the service, expected to be packed with anti-apartheid supporters, finishing just half an hour before de Goede is due to speak. The Anti-Apartheid League, which has yet to plan its response, is furious. A spokesman told me: "This looks like a deliberate attempt to ruin Tutu's day." To cap it all, on the same day Tutu is to recieve an honorary doctorate – from Durham University.

SuperTed

Edward Heath's attempt to succeed Harold Macmillan as Chancellor of Oxford University has won approval from the Macmillan family. Viscountess Katherine, the oldest surviving member of the clan, hosts a drinks party at the Carlton Club tonight to canvass support for Heath. Top Tories who are supporting the nomination – including Douglas Hurd, Lord Whitelaw, Lord Hailsham and Sir Patrick Mayhew – have been invited to share in the reflected glory. Heath, also a guest, won't be getting the chance to woo another MA Oxon, Mrs Thatcher. She was invited to the party "out of courtesy" but is "too busy" to attend, say Heath's supporters.

● **New York City Council has come up with a sequel to its "No parking, no standing, no stopping, no kidding" street sign of a few years back. Manhattan motorists are now being warned: "Don't even think of parking here."**

Zero option

The less than spectacular success of Neil Kinnock's trip to America last year has not led him, in one respect, to change tactics for his return visit this month. I learn that for both tours Kinnock has employed a US public relations firm, Fenton Communications, which specializes in liberal single-issue campaigns. Let us hope it rises to the challenge of explaining to President Reagan why he should unilaterally recall Britain's cruise missiles, just as there is a chance of their being negotiated away multilaterally.

BARRY FANTONI

'Apparently the stumbling-block is Sizewell B'

Buzzing off

York City Council has decided to meet, on request, the rental of councillors' home-based answer phones. The idea was ridiculed by a Tory councillor, Malcolm Heppell. "I don't need a telephone answering service," he boasted, "I married one." Perhaps he could lend her to David Avery, the Conservative leader on the Inner London Education Authority. He boasts of having no telephone in his London home at all. Journalists kept ringing him, it seems.

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The Catch 22 in Asylum 87

Richard Plender believes the treatment of the Heathrow Tamils demonstrates a grave flaw in immigration procedures

The 64 Tamils who demanded asylum at Heathrow last month are now to be allowed to make representations to the Home Office with the help of a statutory agency, the United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service. They may or may not prove that they fear "persecution for reasons of race . . . political opinion or membership of a particular social group" in any country to which the Home Secretary proposes to remove them. But they have already demonstrated a fundamental shortcoming in the administration of our immigration law: the absence of a right of appeal in such cases.

We face the extraordinary situation in which a visitor who is denied an opportunity to extend his stay for a couple of weeks has the right to appeal to an adjudicator and may then be given leave to appeal to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal and then (by judicial review) to the High Court, Court of Appeal and House of Lords; whereas a passenger who claims that an immigration office's decision will expose him to persecution or even death cannot have his claim tested before an independent tribunal, save in the most exceptional of cases. At best, such a passenger can rely on the extra-statutory process of consultation. At worst, that process breaks down.

The rules governing appeals by people claiming asylum have the sort of nonsensical symmetry that appealed to Joseph Heller in *Catch 22*. If an individual applies in his country of origin for an entry clearance to come here as a refugee, he has a right to appeal against any refusal of his application; but as a matter of law the appeal must fail, because the refusal does not force him to "go" to a country of persecution. If he arrives at a port of entry without an entry clearance and claims asylum, he can appeal against the rejection of his claim, provided that he has first left the kingdom. Either he is able to pursue the appeal from some safe country, in which event the refusal did not force him to go to a country of persecution and the appeal will fail; or he will be persecuted at his destination, and the appeal will be of little use. If the asylum seeker gains admission to this country by deception, his leave to enter is void and he has no right to appeal against a later refusal of asylum.

Judicial decisions also establish that a claim to asylum cannot be advanced in the course of an appeal against a recommendation for deportation, nor in an appeal against directions for removal.

National and international agencies have drawn to the attention of successive governments the absence of effective opportunities for appeals for those claiming asylum. The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees has been in the vanguard of this movement. Its executive committee has addressed a recommendation on the subject to all the parties to the Geneva Convention on the Status of Refugees; and this country is an important and influential party. These agencies are not arguing that Britain should accept more refugees. The argument is not about numbers but about fair procedures.

It is probable that the rules would have been altered to extend rights of appeal in these cases but for the fear created by the experience in some European countries, especially Germany. There, legislation makes provision for very elaborate rights of appeal wherever asylum is denied.

Since it can take years to exhaust all the appellate procedures, aliens have an incentive to ask for asylum even when their cases have little merit. The House of Commons Standing Committee on Race Relations and Immigration was impressed by the danger of adopting the German solution, and rightly so. But it should be possible to establish a less complex system of appeals.

Several of the present immigration adjudicators possess valuable experience in this area, particularly in the case of former ambassadors. If there were a panel of such individuals, augmented if necessary by a few persons such as Queens Counsel, it should be possible to find a suitably qualified member of the panel to hear an appeal against any decision to send a person to a country where he claims he will be persecuted. No doubt, the rules of procedure will need to be drafted with care. There will have to be strict time limits and restrictions on further appeals; but these problems are not insuperable.

The Home Office itself would benefit from the reform. The present system is unfair not only to the asylum-seeker but also to the immigration officer. He cannot be expected to be familiar with the politics of the Yemen or Chad or Sri Lanka; yet he is required to dispose of applications for asylum from people who say that they will be persecuted in these countries, or others. If he mistakenly rejects the claim, the consequences will be disastrous. The Secretary of State, too, has reason to welcome a right of appeal. The confusion created in cases like that of the Tamils does his reputation no good; although the situation is not of his making. And if the decision had been reviewed and upheld by an independent tribunal, no fair-minded person would have criticized him or his department.

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Intelligence regained

Miles Copeland, a former CIA staff officer, on the challenge facing the next head of the agency, which has far exceeded its original brief

Those of us who did the staff work for creation of the original Central Intelligence Agency are not at all happy with the way things have turned out. The major task of the new director of the CIA, whoever it turns out to be, must be to return the agency to its original role.

Incredible as it now seems, when we started our only function was to spot trends and developments on the international gameboard that might explode into conditions endangering our national security, then gather all the information into reports that would help the president and his National Security Council decide what to do.

The National Security Act under which the CIA was established specified that we alone were authorized to conduct "clandestine operations" – that is, gather intelligence by means that might come into conflict with laws of other countries. But by 1949 the administration saw a need for "clandestine operations" designed to accomplish purposes other than the mere acquisition of intelligence – "political action", for example, and psychological warfare. Seeing the dangers of there being more than one governmental agency in the murky business of secret agents, clandestine communications and numbered Swiss accounts, the CIA was given these additional jobs.

Since the new duties were not far removed from the original one, however, the agency retained its original character. So what went wrong?

During the Vietnam war a need for larger-scale operations became clear. Although their objectives were entirely military, they were alien to the comparatively open and above-board activities of the normal military, especially when it came to the use of unvouchered funds.

To us old-timers that was the beginning of the end. Before long, these paramilitary personnel, now known universally as spooks, not only outnumbered the CIA's mainline intelligence analysts, covert operators and other professionals at a ratio of about three to one; they came to monopolize the attention of their superiors back in Washington. So as they finished their tours of duty in Vietnam and were brought back to Washington they went straight into top jobs, staying until William Casey took over and became preoccupied with paramilitary operations in Central America.

Second only to Richard Helms, Casey has been the CIA director enjoying the greatest popularity among his own personnel. Even those who have considered him a bit too much of the tough business executive for the management of delicate secret operations acknowledge his skill in handling Congress. In spite of strenuous opposition there, he won huge budgetary increases, improved morale, gained influence in the White House and made of the agency "the most powerful intelligence organization in the world" – with, unfortunately, attendant publicity in the world's press.

He also made remarkable improvements in the agency's analytical capacities, especially in its projects for estimating the future of Soviet scientific, industrial and military capacities – and, incidentally, the extent to which the Soviets will rely on stealing secrets from us instead of doing their own research.

Older admirers of Casey were not exactly dancing in the streets upon hearing that Robert Gates would replace him, but the placing of a expert on Soviet affairs in the nation's top intelligence post raised hopes that there would be a return to the good old days of the cold war. To them, the cold war goes on apace; it is only its overt manifestations that change.

In particular, they have been impatient with academics who persist in seeing the East-West conflict in terms of university political science courses, taking seriously notions of peaceful co-existence, détente, and so on.

But they have been in even greater conflict with anti-Soviet ideologues of the Reagan Administration, who see the Soviets as "an evil empire" run by people who will resort to any means to achieve their objective: our destruction. Having access to intelligence that is beyond the reach of the others, CIA analysts have tended to believe that Soviet leaders are irrevocably committed to objectives that are totally incompatible with our own.

Thus, East-West conflict is unavoidable – and inevitable. To the CIA's professionals, the only question is: what shape will the conflict take? They do *not* believe it will be nuclear, or even conventional, in the order of an updated Second World War.

CIA analysts estimate that as chances for nuclear and conventional wars abate, we will see an increase in "confrontations of the third kind", a worldwide mosaic of regional wars fought with arms, mostly obsolescent, supplied by "international arms dealers".

If this is true – and at least two key members of the "new" Reagan Administration believe that it is, with a third almost certain to be added when a new director is found – the CIA is going to need a new framework in which it can operate.

Robert Gates envisaged the CIA becoming a sort of extension of the Library of Congress, collecting and disseminating a wide range of intelligence, from details of the Soviets' liquorice root production to their progress in genetic research. There are indications, however, that during Reagan's remaining two years, what's left of the mainline professionals in Washington's intelligence community will quietly whittle down the responsibilities of the CIA to manageable dimensions, while seeing that the agency does well what *needs* to be done.

In my day, we used to make the rounds of the various section heads and ask: "How would the agency – and the country – suffer if we were to close down your section tomorrow?" And: "How, exactly, would you be missed?" The section head who couldn't give a convincing answer would have his section closed. But then, of course, a wave of empire-building would come along and restore it to its original size with an even larger staff.

Frederick Bonnart argues that a Gorbachov 'peace' threatens Europe's independence

Missile follies in the making

With his sudden offer of separate negotiations to eliminate all medium-range missiles from Europe, Mikhail Gorbachov has struck a cunning blow at a most sensitive point in the Western alliance. As always, the timing is superb, and the purpose consistent. His aim remains that of all Russian rulers through the centuries: the domination of its environment by the mother country.

His proposal was duly welcomed by the West. The Americans reacted joyfully, the West German government gave it an unqualified welcome, while Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, approved somewhat more cautiously. Most of the Allied countries followed suit, with Mrs Thatcher coming in coolly some 36 hours later. The French remain sceptical – but, as France did not participate in the special Nato Council on December 12, 1979, which decided on the deployment of these intermediate missiles in Europe, and does not have them on its territory, its counsel is less weighty.

The Western leaders could hardly do otherwise, since they were committed to such negotiations by the 1979 meeting, which simultaneously emphasized the role of arms control and proposed a methodology for imposing mutual limitations on the weapons about to be introduced. They had also warmly welcomed President Reagan's spectacular proposal for their complete elimination – the so-called zero option – in 1981. But many felt they had taken a wrong decision. One senior German official said: "We have sold it to ourselves and to our people – and now we have fallen into the trap we set ourselves."

They believe that the greater conventional forces of the Warsaw Pact can be credibly deterred only by the visible possession of nuclear weapons. Even more significant in their minds is the modernization and build-up of Soviet short-range intermediate missiles, the SS-12 and SS-23, which are excluded from the proposed negotiations. Gorbachov, aware of this, has promised the immediate withdrawal of the SS-23 from East Germany and Czechoslovakia, as well as subsequent negotiations on their eventual limitation.

However, withdrawal – an old ban – is meaningless as missiles can be moved forward again, within hours, while negotiations would start from a Soviet advantage estimated at between six and nine to one. Their present declared negotiating position is that this advantage should be frozen.

Patient and careful negotiations may perhaps overcome such obstacles. But they cannot deal with the main problem – that of the existence of the democratic western European states on the edge of a Eurasian land mass dominated by the monolithic Soviet Empire. The only way these states have been able to preserve their independence since the end of the war has been by the commitment of the US in peacetime to the permanent defence of Europe through the Atlantic Alliance. It is at this commitment that Gorbachov now strikes.

The logic of the introduction of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles into Europe was based on the ability of the two superpowers to hold each other's territory to ransom. Nothing that has happened since has changed this logic. Gorbachov's initiative has come because he has seen that the attempt to exert pressure on President Reagan through the Europeans to abandon Star Wars is a failure.

Additionally, Nato officials believe, he is speculating on Reagan's present difficulties and his evident need for a spectacular arms control achievement. Gorbachov knows that, in view of the coming presidential election, such an agreement would have to be submitted to the Senate by next spring at the latest.

The Soviet leader is also calculating on the fear of nuclear weapons in Europe. But despite demonstrations and loud calls for unilateral disarmament, European governments have seen their firmness on defence supported time and again by their electorates. Nevertheless, Gorbachov is right in his assessment that once the missiles are withdrawn from western Europe, there would be huge pressure not to bring them back. He himself would have no such difficulties in re-introducing them into the western Soviet Union.

The Western peace movements believe rightly that the proposed deal would maintain the peace in Europe. But it could be at the cost of their countries' independence.

Digby Anderson

At last, a cure for ingratitude

Several recent reports suggest the British economy is doing rather well, but no one shows the slightest gratitude. Why do so many people find it difficult to feel gratitude for free enterprise capitalism? After all, even in its more depressed times it has provided more wealth and health than any other system.

But then, gratitude is a puzzling quality. Though classified as a reaction, it is more easily felt in anticipation. Once I have what I want, the gratitude I was provisionally building up suddenly crumbles, and what I wanted so much, I take for granted. Any benefactor keen for the gratitude that is his due would do well to exact from his beneficiaries their pledges of hearty thanks *before* he delivers the goods.

One current preoccupation points up this curious character of gratitude. The pharmaceutical industry can claim to be the most hated of industries by those ungrateful to capitalism. Leftist pressure groups attack it for "making a profit out of suffering." Greens question whether drugs have helped health anyway, compared with the natural virtues of eating brown rice in communion with Mother Earth. "Investigative journalists" hound the consumers of its products in the hope of finding one who has a side-effect. And Third-Worlders, trendy clerics and all who go into automatic spasm at the word "multinational" denounce its worldwide structure. Many go further and threaten to control, nationalize or force it to sell its wares at prices that undermine its costly research.

This loathing has been earned by the industry discovering and marketing drugs that have saved numerous lives and alleviated considerable suffering through successes in the prevention or treatment of poliomyelitis, smallpox, rubella, bronchial asthma, peptic ulcers and others. It is noteworthy but rarely noted that the great discoveries have been made in capitalist economies, not collectivist ones, and overwhelmingly by private enterprise not nationalized industries, the more recent discoveries made possible by research budgets funded by sales from a larger than European market. Thus, one might have expected a little gratitude to be shown for the virtues of transnational organization and private enterprise.

That would be to forget the character of gratitude. For now that the population has these cures, the Reds, the Greens, the scribblers and the Third-Worlders know they can count on them being taken for granted and continue their war against the very system that made the cures possible. It's a cruel world. Credit is rarely given where it is due but never *when*.

Well, perhaps very occasionally. This year, for once, it might be. It will not be given willingly, of course. It will have to be extorted but it might be had. For suddenly all these progressive critics, instead of being able to presume on the industry's past achievements, desperately want a future achievement – a cure for Aids. They want it not only to save their friends, but to turn off the moral heat currently on the politically and morally "progressive" alliance. Aids threatens the immunity system of ideologies as well as bodies.

But they know, or would do if forced to think about it, that if cures or treatments are found, the bulk of them will be found by the pharmaceutical industry: it appears that on this occasion rice, however brown, availeth nought, and for once that other all-purpose solution, "a fundamental shift in the socio-economic structure of our unequal society", is not widely advocated as a cure.

They know, too, that the cure will come from the West, not the East: the peoples' democracies have discovered little. It is very unlikely, too, that the cure will come from the much praised state sector. Similarly, if treatments, cures or means of prevention are discovered for migraine, cancer, multiple sclerosis or senile dementia, the odds are that they, too, will come from the same loathed source: the private enterprise transnational company.

Once they have come, there will be no gratitude. The discoverer will probably be accused of exploiting Aids sufferers, the disabled and the elderly. But *now*, while the denigrators of enterprise are desperate for a cure, there is a chance of getting that gratitude.

I am *still* toying with the exact wording of the form we should invite them to sign. Ideally it will be simple, stating that the signatory feels it imperative a cure is discovered and, if it comes from a free enterprise multinational, he will recognize the immense contribution of multinational capitalism to welfare (please initial this word and affix a postage stamp). Or perhaps "welfare of all classes and especially sexual minorities".

The Greens should complete the box acknowledging the incomparable effectiveness of "artificial" products and "chemicals" and the need for large-scale industrial organization. The journalists would wish to commend the companies for resisting those consumer groups urging them to make cures available before adequate tests. The Third-Worlders would want to record the immense debt owed to western capitalism by those in central Africa, where Aids is rampant. And the political parties might also swear not to raise extra taxes on this industry or force it to sell its products to the NHS at artificially low prices.

So far, the critics think they have discovered a good line: "The important thing is not to moralize about Aids, but to find a cure." The next time they trot it out, before they have even got as far as "but", the capitalists' credo should be thrust towards them and a broad-nibbed pen, filled with the most permanent of blue inks, shoved in their slippery hands.

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Frank Johnson in the Commons

Rosie survives ordeal by lunch

Mrs Rosie Barnes, the winner of Greenwich, yesterday had lunch with Dr David Owen and afterwards advanced the length of the chamber under the gaze of both sides of the House to take her seat for the first time.

This is always a trial for an SDP by-election winner. In order to survive it, you must stare straight ahead, smile demurely rather look pleased with yourself and above all accept that such an ordeal is bound to be gruelling for any newcomer to Parliament. That is how to get through the lunch with the doctor. The ceremony of becoming a member presents different problems.

Newly-elected members have to appear at the Bar of the House flanked by their two sponsors. The moment alloted for them to start moving down the centre of the chamber to take the oath from the learned clerk is immediately after question time and the period devoted to ministerial statements. Question time is always an hour. But ministerial statements could go on for a seeming eternity, depending on how many there are, or how important are their subjects.

There was the terrible case in March, 1982, involving Mr Roy Jenkins, the newly-elected SDP member for Glasgow Hillhead. Mr Jenkins had to stand there for nearly an hour as statement followed statement and we all pointed at him and made boring jokes about claret, the Obscene Publications Act, Asquith, the permissive society, gigantic salaries in Brussels, and all the other amusing subjects with which Mr Jenkins was then associated.

As a result of that incident, certain reforms were instituted. Unofficially, by-election winners are tipped off about how long statements are likely to last. The newcomers therefore arrive at the Bar only for the last 20 minutes or so of statement time.

But if there are lots of minor statements, that lessens the ordeal for the leader of the party which has lost the seat at the by-election. That leader can then slip away, pleading more important duties elsewhere. If there had been no statements yesterday, Mr Kinnock would have had to remain in his seat for Mrs Barnes' arrival. The business immediately before it was questions to the Prime Minister, an occasion which Leaders of the Opposition feel obliged to attend. Mr Kinnock could hardly have scurried away unnoticed.

As it was, question time was followed by statements by the Home Secretary on the disputed Tamil refugees, and by various lesser ministers on a train crash in Shropshire, a change in unemployment benefit procedure, and free syringes for diabetics in that order.

Long before we got to the syringes, Mr Kinnock was gone. He therefore ensured that he was spared cries of "cheer up, Neil", and other Tory witticisms.

Most of Mrs Barnes' wait at the Bar was taken up by the last 20 minutes or so on syringes. The Government was giving free syringes to this deserving group. So it was rather difficult for Labour members to protest.

They were therefore largely silent while a procession of Tories assured the Minister for Health, Mr Anthony Newton, that he had given the lie to the charge that the government was uncaring.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield C.) said that Mr Newton was perhaps one of the most honest and courageous and caring of ministers. If that becomes the general view of this minister in the party after the election is safely won, it could of course be the end of Mr Newton.

At last, the Speaker cried: "Members desirous of taking their seats". Mrs Barnes began the long walk. She survived several good witticisms from MPs for which, in accordance with the policy of this column, the reader is referred elsewhere.

After taking the oath she was led up to be introduced to the Speaker by Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, the Clerk. Sir Kenneth is an opera-goer. "Mrs Rosemary Barnes, the member for Greenwich, sir", he said, in a smooth, old-fashioned style that makes him the last of the *bel canto* clerks. No familiar use of "Rosie" by old Ken.

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NO PLACE FOR PROVOS

It is not too late for the Oxford Union to withdraw its invitation to the president of Provisional Sinn Fein, Mr Gerry Adams, to speak to its members on Thursday night. To make the invitation was a mistake. It should be unmade – and quickly.

It could, perhaps, have been written off as a naive student publicity stunt if the ensuing debate had been confined to students. But it has not. Mr Adams' visit has revealed muddied waters well beyond Oxford which ought long ago to have been made clear.

That is not to say that it is a simple question. Terrorism works within open democracies not only by creating physical fear, but by political intimidation and the erosion of civic standards. Consequent deceptions and self-deceptions occur all too easily. As many a government has discovered, they are not easy to correct.

Irish republicans, headed by the Provisional IRA and its political wing Sinn Fein, pursue a straightforward aim: the removal of British presence and connection from Northern Ireland. Asserting themselves to be the true heirs of a single republican tradition, they claim the right to kill, to conduct a "war" against those who oppose their purpose. Alongside the murder is a propaganda campaign designed to establish a moral claim to the use of violence.

This "political" campaign has been very vigorously pursued in recent years and in many ways Provisional Sinn Fein now looks like an ordinary political party. It is legal. It has representatives elected to local councils and to the House of Commons; a hundred thousand people cast votes in its favour in the General Election of 1983. Its leaders appear as a matter of course in local and national media. What could be more natural than for the Oxford Union to defy a little outrage and to hear Sinn Fein's eloquent leader put his case at first hand?

It is wrong simply because it helps legitimize and consolidate what should be isolated and minimized. That consideration should outweigh any apparent democratic plausibility which Sinn Fein has worked hard to achieve.

Governments in democratic societies cannot reduce the appeal of terrorists' political armies on their own. Each citizen has an individual choice to make about political violence. There may, for some, be societies so unjust that violence can be justified. Governments may sometimes bow to the unavoidable and negotiate with terrorist organizations as a lesser evil; governments faced with elected terrorist representatives may be forced to conduct formal dealings with them. Above all, governments can only ever put well-rooted terrorists out of business with consistent patience over a long period of time.

These considerations might appear to blur the issue. But not one of them, as they apply in the case of Northern Ireland, could conceivably justify private individuals inflating the false reputation of men who make their political living from murder. The fact that Mr Adams is at large is not an excuse for anyone to treat him as a democratic politician simply because he says he is one. Politicians, including the fledgling ones at Oxford, should make their own choice to show that they know he represents a force thoroughly inimical to democracy.

There is one last argument sometimes advanced for treating organizations like Sinn Fein as normal political entities: that they will thus grow to like the trappings of political life and will gradually be persuaded to abandon terrorism. In the case of Sinn Fein, such a belief is a triumph of optimistic self-deception over history.

Its leaders are quite frank that they will continue with the dual "armalite and ballot box" strategy. This is sometimes taken to mean that two alternative options are held open until the situation clarifies which will better suit their long term purpose. Not so. The ballot box can only take them so far; the armalite is used to achieve the publicity and leverage which democratic politics deny them.

There is a constituency in Northern Ireland which the Provisionals cannot win by murder; those people can, however, be brought out to vote by an elaborate democratic pretence which will help them forget that the *raison d'etre* of the organization they support is force, not freedom.

The fact that some people in Northern Ireland are in the grip of this delusion is no excuse for it to take hold elsewhere. Least of all should it do so at Oxford University whose students ought to be able to look behind Mr Adams' plausible facade and see the "politician" who has climbed to his present prominence over a very large heap of dead bodies.

EUREKA, AND OTHER RESPONSES

There is always the temptation when faced with Britain's industrial problems to duck behind phrases about a "European solution". Too often this turns out to be a matter of throwing money at problems, of activity for activity's sake – urged on by those who would urge strongly against such an approach at national level.

At first sight the community's research and development activities present such a spectacle. There is SPRINT (Strategic Programme for Innovation and Technology Transfer); ESPRIT (European Strategic Programme for Research in Advanced Technology); RACE (Research in Advanced Communications in Europe); and EUREKA (a pan-European programme for exploitation of research) – to name but a few. That is all in addition to the five-year 'Framework Programmes' – the latest of which, running from 1987-1991, is now up for discussion in the Council of Ministers.

On the face of it, all this is a Eurocrat's delight and an industrialist's nightmare. The reality, however, may be rather better. Businessmen have been involved in the construction of many of these schemes and are even more active in their implementation. In spite of occasional nonsenses Europe is making progress.

The British Government is currently locked in battle with the European Commission and the majority of national representatives in the Council of Ministers on the size of the Community's next budget for research and development. Yesterday's remarks by the Information Technology Minister, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, suggest that no breakthrough has been made.

British ministers claim that the Commission's proposals are insufficiently selective and ignore budgetary constraints. The Commission argues that the states adopting a rigorous approach on this subject (mainly Britain, with German support) are showing their customary lack of vision – taking an accountant's calculator to the technological future of our continent.

Both sides have a point. There is a redistributive aspect to the Commission's ideas – as emphasised by the attitude of the Greeks, Irish, and others – of which the Government is right to be wary. Spreading Northern technology to Southern Europeans may be desirable. But it is not the crucial factor in determining the competitiveness of Europe.

On the other hand, last year some £10bn was spent on the storage and disposal of food surpluses in Europe. The sums at issue between European Ministers for research and development are only a small fraction of that, though the stakes are much higher. The priorities are not right.

The figures we have recently published on Britain's general investment in research and development show that levels of public funding of civil projects in Britain are nothing of which we can rejoice, but that levels of private funding give grounds for national mourning. Mrs Thatcher and her Ministers had once seemed more prepared to take on this task at European than at national level.

They took a commendably forward position in establishing ESPRIT to complement national programmes on information technology – such as Britain's Alvey project. They have shown real enthusiasm for EUREKA, with its emphasis on private sector involvement and market exploitation of European research. Of the 107 projects agreed under this scheme, UK firms participate in 39, a very respectable involvement. All the more pity then to see Britain – not only reacting slowly at home – but bringing up the rear in the Council of Ministers too.

MEANWHILE IN THE PACIFIC

As West European leaders ponder the implications of Mr Gorbachov's proposal to eliminate medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, the two superpowers have turned their attentions to Asia. The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, is in China; his Soviet counterpart, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, has been in Thailand on the first leg of a Pacific tour which will take him also to Australasia, Indonesia and Indochina.

Mr Shultz's prime task is to lubricate a relationship which has been running less smoothly of late. Recent upheavals in China, including the sudden removal of the Communist Party General Secretary (who had been in the forefront of the opening to the US) and the subsequent campaign against Western influence (which is still gathering pace) have not been conducive to greater warmth between the two countries.

His mission has been complicated by the foreign policy confusion in Washington. He arrived in Peking within days of the appearance of the Tower Commission's report which charged Mr Shultz, among others, with insufficient involvement in White House policies. If – as has been mooted – one purpose of the visit was to counsel China against selling arms to Iran, the Chinese could be forgiven for finding this somewhat disingenuous.

In contrast, Mr Shevardnadze is representing a Soviet Far Eastern policy which has gained in assurance over the past two years. Its framework was set out in Mr Gorbachov's Vladivostok speech last summer, which revived the Soviet idea of an "Asian security system".

While South-East Asia is not one of the Soviet Union's traditional areas of influence, Moscow's entrée into the region has been eased by its recent greater flexibility on economic and ideological matters. It has also benefited from a measure of disillusionment with the US in some of these countries. They fear the effect of its protectionist tendencies on their exports. They are wary of becoming too dependent on one superpower in an area where, since the Soviet build-up in Vietnam, two are very much in evidence.

Nonetheless, the Soviet Foreign Minister will still have to combat deep-seated suspicion of Soviet motives. Much of it derives from Soviet support for Vietnam and Vietnam's continuing occupation of Cambodia. Thailand, for one, has cited Cambodia as a reason for not welcoming senior Soviet visitors at all until recently.

The Soviet Foreign Minister may not, however, be deterred by this. Over the past year there have been signs that Moscow is beginning to realize the damage Cambodia has inflicted on its Asian policy and regards it as a problem in need of urgent solution. While in Bangkok, Mr Shevardnadze told his Thai hosts of Soviet plans for an early withdrawal from Afghanistan (within 22 months). The parallel with the Cambodian occupation would not have gone unnoticed.

The Indochina leg of his tour will, for this reason, be the most difficult. Like Mr Shultz in Peking, Mr Shevardnadze will find himself trying to preserve an important relationship which is undergoing strain. The US and Soviet representatives are likely to return to their home capitals with a heightened sense that both Asia and the lines of superpower policy towards it are in a state of flux. Mr Shevardnadze may at some stage in his journey, somewhere over China perhaps, have crossed paths with Mr Shultz. It would be an appropriate summary of the meaning of their journeys.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Polarisation' in public interest

From Mr John Butterfill, MP for bournemouth West (Conservative)

Sir, Those of us who served on the standing committee considering the Financial Services Act were most concerned that no person purporting to give independent advice on life assurance policies or similar investments should, at the same time, be able to offer his own company's product to his client. We considered this principle of "polarisation" to be fundamental, having regard to the irreconcilable conflict of interests which could otherwise occur.

This principle has, of course, caused difficulties for many in the insurance industry, but it has been accepted by them out of regard for the need for consumer protection. I am most concerned, therefore, at the campaign currently being conducted by the clearing banks, to persuade the Securities and Investments Board that banks and other similar financial conglomerates should be exempted from this principle of polarisation.

Lobbying is currently directed towards the office of the Director General of Fair Trading and the Hosue of Lords. It is difficult to see, however, how the principle of consumer protection could be regarded as an unreasonable restraint on trade, given the enormously large range of competition existing within the market.

It is therefore my sincere hope that the Director General of Fair Trading, and their Lordships, will agree with the Commons standing committee that in this instance consumer protection is far more important than a secondary profit source for the clearing banks.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN V. BUTTERFILL,
House of Commons.
February 26.

Books meriting their obscurity

From Mr C. Edwards and Mr R. Gaskell

Sir, As antiquarian booksellers dealing in books published in the nineteenth century, we were very interested to read the account (Spectrum, February 27) of Robin Alston's programme to republish on microfiche a substantial number of nineteenth-century books in the British Library. There are some obvious benefits of the project: many books of the period are crumbling and preservation on microfiche will at least stave off disaster.

Some doubts, however, naturally occur about the usefulness of the exercise. The obscurity of the books over which Dr Alston enthuses is surely a significant weakness, since the majority of Victorian books are unread today precisely because they deserve to be obscure. Also, the exclusion of great swathes of nineteenth-century literature – poetry, plays, fiction, journals – reduces the helpfulness of the project to students still further.

The books your reporter mentions, though quaint, are obviously of little or no value to researchers except as socio-statistical data. If some books of originality have been overlooked by scholars, then a more effective and comprehensive solution might be to publish a subject catalogue to the British Library.

The average cost per book on microfiche will be £3.60. If, at a conservative estimate, 95 per cent of the texts are never consulted by readers at a particular library, the cost per useful book will be £72 or more. There is still something to be said for librarians buying only the books they actually want.

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1 Pall Mall, SW1.

Tactical voting

From Mr A. W. Drury

Sir, I was astonished to read in your columns today (February 26, early editions) that Mr Kenneth Baker should have lectured the Parliamentary Press Gallery on the evils of tactical voting. Throughout my adult life, Conservative politicians have urged upon me the absolute necessity to vote tactically, as the only electoral insurance against the ultimate political evil, socialism.

In the 1950s, they campaigned under the slogan, "A Liberal vote is a wasted vote". This sentiment was later developed to represent Liberal supporters at the polls as "splitting the anti-socialist vote" – a recurrent and immensely successful theme still popular with Tory campaigners 30 years later.

In all these years, the British elector has been encouraged to use his vote as a veto to choose the least awful of the alternatives presented on a ballot paper. The habit of negative thought thus bred has done immense damage to British politics and one must welcome Mr Baker's belated conversion.

Yours sincerely,
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Beetley, Dereham, Norfolk.
February 26.

Theories of SDI

From Viscount Watkinson, CH

Sir, Your article of February 26 on SDI ably presents the view of the technical expert on the future of missile and anti-missile technology. Research will of course go on in all the nuclear powers, including Russia.

What is much more important is that nothing is done to diminish the principle of mutually accepted destruction. Past wars have often started on a misconception of the odds.

"Star wars" should be kept under careful study to see that it does not allow any misconception of the nuclear odds and thus give rise to a similar danger to that posed by the Labour Party's defence initiative; namely, to encourage an aggressor nation to adopt a threatening position which can only be justified by nuclear action.

It must remain totally clear to an aggressor that under any circumstances he will not avoid destroying himself in a nuclear war. This is what has kept the peace among major nations for over 40 years.

Events are making the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow of very great importance. We are I think fortunate that she is not the sort of person to contribute to misunderstanding about nuclear weapons policy.

Yours sincerely,
WATKINSON,
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Shore Road, Bosham,
Chichester, West Sussex.

London orchestras

From Mr R. H. Grierson

Sir, In his article on orchestras (March 2) Mr C. Bishop, Managing Director of the Philharmonia, attributes to me, as Chairman of the South Bank Board, views which are somewhat different from those I actually hold.

What Mr Bishop says could be taken to mean that I consider the present structure of the four symphony orchestras as sacrosanct. My position on this is in fact well known to the orchestras. I do not regard the existence of four under-funded orchestras as ideal or incapable of improvement. But I do not myself know what the solution is and I would certainly not, as head of a public body, countenance the use of financial pressure to back a subjective judgement.

My only posture can be to listen with interest to such proposals for change as are occasionally made while at the same time preserving strict neutrality, so as on no account to damage the interests of any of the four fine symphony orchestras which now make up the London orchestral scene. This is very different from an "avowed intention" to maintain the present structure.

May I also correct Mr Bishop on another assertion? Alas, the South Bank Board does not possess "vast resources", but even if it did I would not use them to "revolutionise London's music-making". Our ambitions are more modest and rely on suggestion and coordination rather than money.

Yours faithfully,

R. H. GRIERSON,
Executive Chairman,
South Bank Board,
Royal Festival Hall, SE1.
March 4.

Common agreement

From the Head of UK Offices, Commission of the European Communities

Sir, Mr John Coleman (February 27) has a most crude and curious perception of the European Community and, by implication, the European Commission. Far from trying to push all the peoples of the Community and their cultures "into a common mould", the Commission is taking initiatives designed to emphasise the rich diversity of our national identities within the cultural heritage we share.

For example, it has organised a conference, to be held in Florence from March 25-28, on "Europe in Transformation: The Cultural Challenge". Among the aims of this conference is the study of the practical problems of financing culture, with the overall intention of heightening the awareness of the cultural achievements of individual countries, and making them more widely accessible. The status and distinction of those taking part do not belong to people who would let anyone push them into a mould.

Mr Coleman can come out of his dug-out: he won't find any infernal bureaucratic machines waiting to crush him into uniformity.

Yours faithfully,
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Implications of C v S

From Mr L. Thomas Lidstrom

Sir, The Court of Appeal's decision in *C v S* (Law Report, February 24) is to be lamented. By confining itself to the narrow and legalistic interpretation of "capable of being born alive" within the meaning of s1 of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929, the nation's penultimate forum of appeal abdicated an opportunity to make a crucial statement of legal principle.

English law, being precedent-based, depends for its continued development on the occurrence of facts which permit judges squarely to lay down legal pronouncements; statements beyond the facts are purely *obiter* and enjoy merely persuasive authority in future cases. *C v S*, needless to say, was a factual situation highly unlikely to recur in the near future.

As a result of the court's blinkered judgment in *C v S* English law missed a golden opportunity of adding to its jurisprudence a firm judicial statement on the rights, if any, of a father to his unborn child.

Justitia's blindfold is intended to promote legal even-handedness, not Nelsonian legalism.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS LIDSTROM,
Oriel College,
Oxford.
February 25.

R & D shortfall

From the Director-General of the Council of Mechanical and Metal Trade Associations

Sir, There has been much comment in *The Times* and elsewhere about a British industrial strategy which was proposed by this council and others at the CBI conference last November.

We consider it to be vital that the Department of Trade and Industry should be the focal point for this initiative. The DTI should appoint a small team of forward-looking industrialists who, in conjunction with Government, should examine long-term markets and trends, then use the right climate in which industry can with confidence penetrate and develop them.

It is not necessarily financial help we are seeking. What industry needs is the creation of the right environment in which it can plan and act in the long term. It must not be diverted from this strategy by short-term financial pressures from the City, nor by changing political regimes.

What is essential is that the people appointed by the DTI/industry team to examine future markets and trends in depth should consist of the very best and most experienced marketeers and technical specialists we can find, who know their business in theory and in practice and have the talents to think ahead. It is their market information on which a strategy must be based.

As soon as the broad strategy has been determined, the DTI should invite representatives of the City to join the team, so as to be sure that their support can be obtained for the long-term thinking that is essential if the strategy is to succeed. The great industrial successes of Japan and Germany owe much to the industrial strategies those countries adopted long ago. We do not have to copy them, but we have much to learn from their methods.

Yours faithfully,
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Remand prisoners

From Mr Giles A. I. Payne

Sir, As Leon Brittan rightly states in your columns (feature, February 17), a large part of the problem of prison overcrowding is due to the increase in the numbers of people in prison awaiting trial; but the solution that he suggests of imposing time limits on the prosecution hardly addresses itself to the problems facing the remanded person, innocent till proven guilty but, at the whim of the court, tainted with the stigma of custody, his life disrupted at a most fundamental level.

In 1985, 3 per cent of those charged and refused bail (some 2,000 citizens) were acquitted. Indeed, one third of those charged, refused bail and found guilty (over 20,000 offenders) received non-custodial sentences.

Over one fifth of the prison population at any one time consists of remand prisoners, who have to wait on average 50 days for their case to be dealt with by the courts. The cost, including escort and "accommodation", has been estimated at £100million.

The fact that the remand decision made by magistrates' courts demonstrates remarkable inconsistencies from area to area is yet another pressing reason, apart from prison overcrowding, public cost and the interests of justice, for Mr Brittan's successor to ensure the more efficient working of the 1976 Bail Act.

Yours sincerely,
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Oxford.

From Sir Richard O'Brien

Sir, Mr Leon Brittan contends that recent proposals for reducing the number of prisoners are "absurd" and that laying down minimum standards for prison conditions would merely be to "substitute a mirage for practical progress". Whilst progress towards better conditions in the prison system may be gradual, it does not seem to me to be wrong to have specific aspirations. How else is progress to be made?

Any "implied compact with the community as a whole" (Mr Brittan's words) should be based on these aspirations, including the possibility of rehabilitation. This was the message which came through strongly in the report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's commission, entitled *Faith in the City*.

Our present sentencing policies cannot command the support of the Christian conscience. It is right that sentencing should be based on retribution, but this must be carefully distinguished from revenge. Punishment must be proportionate to the offender's deserts: many of the non-violent offenders whom we imprison simply do not deserve so severe a punishment.

Yours faithfully,
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Paris fashions were a regular feature of the paper: London fashions were less familiar, and the subject of this article may have caused raised eyebrows among the more elderly readers in London's clubland

LONDON FASHIONS

PRACTICAL UNDERWEAR

Warm and practical underwear is no longer depressing and shapeless. There are cleverly fitting vests of silk and wool with brassière tops cut low so that they may be worn with evening dresses on cold nights, and short rib-knit tights to match which fit closely over the hips and above the knee. There are also back-less interlock knitted woollen vests with embroidered opera tops and shaped tights with a yoke over the hips; and also lace-wool Shetland lingerie with vests and knickers banded with crêpe de Chine or with wide strips of fabric inset in vest and leg. These sets can also be had in light-weight jersey made with an uplift brassière.

A three-piece pyjama set is made of lace-wool; the blouse and trousers – the latter with a hip-yoke – are lined with georgette, and the unlined coat is trimmed with swansdown. A coral wool dressing-jacket is lined with coral ninon; and a dressing-gown is decorated with a waterfall of chiffon which cascades from shoulder to hip and flows into a floppy bow.

In Vienna they are selling a long negligée coat of pure Shetland wool, lined also with Shetland wool and embroidered all over with multi-coloured floral designs in pastel shades of wool. This wrap can also be used as a beach-coat in summer.

It is on the successful fit of the corset that the success of a gown or costume depends. There are endless varieties of corset, corselette, and belt brassière, designed for the slim and the heavy, but it is always well to take expert advice. Rubber corsets, helpful where abdominal support is needed, are now sometimes made with special lacing for ventilation. But elastic is more used today in combination with satin, moiré, or batiste for corsets, which are now made with the normal waistline and cut higher to give more control. These fabric corsets and corselettes are nearly all made to wash with detachable metal parts, bones and suspenders.

A corset specialist recommends all women to have four corsets – one for games, one for everyday wear, one (very brief and supple) for rest at home, and one for evening, made in some delicate fabric with a lingerie attachment consisting of a lace brassière and a deep kilted frill at its base to avoid the necessity of wearing several garments. Corselettes have gained favour since they were designed with uplift brassière tops, and they are very comfortable. They are sold in flesh, peach, salmon, and gold tints and in black or white.

For summer, dancing or tropical wear there is a good back-less foundation garment of double net with three elastic panels inset at the back. It has an uplift brassière is lightly boned across the front, and has knicker frills attached. Deeper brassières with tabs to button on to a long corset, have been designed for heavy figures; and there is a new reversible brassière made of crêpe de Chine on one side and lace on the other, so that it can be worn for day or evening. Nearly all the brassières are made of two fabrics, satin, rayon or striped jersey at the base, and lace at the top to save the necessity of a special lace vest or underslip when wearing a low-necked blouse.

Baa, baa, bah!

From Mr Chris King

Sir, May I thank J. R. S. Mash (February 26) for his helpful contribution to the Baa Baa Black Sheep debate.

Seriously, the whole story is concerned less with nursery rhymes than with fairy tales. Just for the record, Islington Council hasn't banned Baa Baa Black Sheep nor have we even discussed it. The story arose from a local decision by members of staff, contrary to policy.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS KING,
Labour Chief Whip,
Islington Council,
Town Hall,
Upper Street, N1.
February 27.

Justice unadorned

From Mr T. G. Field-Fisher, QC

Sir, Your fourth leader on Saturday (February 28) I greatly appreciated. They were my robes and wig that were stolen, which I didn't appreciate. The police are – I believe the expression is – "baffled". Perhaps Miss Marple could have helped.

One thing – I announced that I would sit *judicially* naked. It was rather pleasant; just like old days at Quarter Sessions.

Yours faithfully,
T. G. FIELD-FISHER,
2 King's Bench Walk,
Temple, EC4.
March 1.

Pa de trois

From Professor Herbert H. Huxley

Sir, "A mother of three, her husband, Graham . . . is a local councillor" (report, February 28). Compared with this genetic miracle, even the dazzling brilliance of Mrs Rosie Barnes's electoral victory is as effectively dimmed as if one were to hold a farthing candle to the sun.

Yours faithfully,
HERBERT H. HUXLEY,
12 Derwent Close,
Cambridge.
February 28.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 3: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the British Equestrian Trade Association Trade Fair at Sandown Park Racecourse.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton) and the Chairman of the Association (Mr M. Duley).

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this evening attended the Vice-Presidents' Dinner of the Incorporated Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine at Inchcape plc, St Mary Axe, EC3.

His Royal Highness was received by the President of the School (Sir David Orr) and the Chairman of the Company (Mr George Turnbull).

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Duchess of York this morning rode Aldaniti over one mile from the Royal Mews, Windsor Castle, in aid of the Bob Champion Cancer Trust.

Miss Helen Hughes and Wing Commander Adam Wise were in attendance.

The Duchess of York this evening attended a performance of *Peril in Venice* by the Theatre in Trust, in aid of the Development Trust for the Young Disabled at the Westminster Theatre.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Mrs Terence Mallinson) and the President of the Development Trust (the Duke of Devonshire).

Mrs John Floyd and Wing Commander Adam Wise were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 3: Miss Jane Walker-Okeover has succeeded Lady Jean Rankin as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 3: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles) this morning at Kensington Palace received the Colonel of the Regiment (General Sir John Chapple).

The Prince of Wales, President, the Royal Naval Film Corporation, this morning chaired the Corporation's Annual General Meeting in HMS President and afterwards was entertained at luncheon.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception given by the London Glamorgan Society on behalf of the Welsh Association of Youth Clubs at St James's Palace.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 3: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at a concert to mark the 5th Anniversary of the Barbican Centre at the Barbican Hall, EC2.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Howard Page were in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Basil Boothroyd, 77; Sir Arthur Bryan, 64; Sir John Carew Pole, 85; Professor H.J. Eysenck, 71; Mr Bernard Haitink, 58; Mr John Hunt, 55; Sir Geoffrey Jackson, 72; Sir Charles Johnston (life peer), 72; Mr Francis King, 64; Mr Ralph Kirshbaum, 41; Sir Ralph Millais, 82; Mr Patrick Moore, 64; Mr Alan Sillitoe, 59; Sir James Stuart, 47; Professor H.N.V. Temperley, 72; Dame Albertine Winner, 80.

Godolphin School

As a result of the recent examinations at Godolphin School, Salisbury, Wiltshire, the following scholarships have been awarded:

12+ open scholarship: Kate Taylor, Wilton Church of England Middle School; 11+ Open Scholarship: Faye Priestley, South Wiltshire Grammar School for Girls; 11+ day girl scholarship: Katherine Hands, Port Regis

King's School Bruton

Scholarship awards 1987:

Minor scholarships: P Field, Arnold Lodge; M D Cooper, Sandle Manor; exhibitions: M H Ainley, Old Malthouse; C J A Phillips, Horris Hill; P H Clark, The Stroud, Romsey; K Ward, King's School Bruton Junior School, Hazelgrove House.
Music scholarships:
Major scholarship: T Mirfin, Christ Church Cathedral School; minor scholarship:
D R Bott, Salisbury Cathedral School; M D Cooper, Sandle Manor.

Memorial service

Mr L.G. Whyte
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Lewis Gilmour Whyte was held yesterday at the Church of St Margaret Lothbury. The Rev Chandos Morgan officiated. Mr J.M. Thomson, Chairman of the London and Manchester Group, read the lesson and Lord Peyton of Yeovil gave an address. Sir Clement Penruddock read the prayer of the Order of St John. Among those present were:

Mrs Whyte (widow), the Rev Henry and Mrs Whyte (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Prudence Whyte and Miss Olivia Whyte (daughters), Mr and Mrs A Oosterveld (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Dominic Campbell, Mrs G Campbell, Mr F Campbell, Miss S Campbell, Mr and Mrs David Lord, Mr John Johnston.

The Earl of Selkirk, QC, Lady Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Grey of Naunton, Lord Wakehurst (deputy chairman, London and Manchester Group) with Mr D A L Jubb, Mr Tom Pyne, Mr and Mrs H J Browne, Mr J Leigh-Pemberton and Mr D C Bourdon; Sir Hamish Forbes (also representing the Lord Prior of the Order of St John), Sir Richard Baker Wilbraham, Mr Andrew Jamieson (representing the President of the Faculty of Actuaries), Commander A H Alexander (White Ensign Association), Mr K T Harrison (Transport Holding Company), Mr R J Hebblethwaite (Save and Prosper Group), Mr Donald Kirk (Spain Brothers and Company), Mr Michael J Verey (Schroders), Mr Alan McLintock (Thomson McLintock), Mr Nicholas Assheton (Montagu Loebl Stanley) Mr G Bowler (Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group), Mr J Kemp-Welch (Cazenove and Company), Mr N F Althaus (Bank of England), Mr Simon Bebb (Scrimgeour Vickers and Company), Mr S J Twentyman Turnbull (Onyx Property Company), Mr J B Kinross (Investors in Industry), Mr Jim Slater.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.D. Dalrymple and Miss B.W. Major
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Major the Hon Colin and Mrs Dalrymple, of Oxenfoord Mains, Dalkeith, Midlothian, and Bryony, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A. Major, of Shilston Barton, Modbury, south Devon.

Mr R.E.J. Stopford and Miss A.L. Patrick
The engagement is announced between Robert Edward James, son of Captain the Hon T.V. and Mrs Stopford, of Lake End House, Dorney, and Anne Louise, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs P.J. Patrick, of Bedford Lodge, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

Mr G.M.I. Matthews and Miss S.L.K. Denne
The engagement is announced between Graeme, elder son of Major-General and Mrs Michael Matthews, of Stratfield Turgis, Hampshire, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr Ralph Denne, of Henley-on-Thames, and Lady Hodson, of Romsey.

Mr R.H. Balkwill and Miss A.E. Dandridge
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Balkwill, of Aveton Gifford, Devon, and Anne, youngest daughter of Mrs Betty Dandridge and the late Mr George Dandridge, of Bowcombe, Kingsbridge, Devon.

Mr A. Cash and Miss A.L. Panting
The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs F. Cach, of Ashstead, Surrey, and Angela Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Panting, of Earls Colne, Essex.

Mr W.P. Gomme and Miss E.V.R. de Yong
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs D.L. Gomme, of 51 Onslow Square, SW7, and Emma, only daughter of Mr D.M. de Yong, of 34 Addison Avenue, W14, and Mrs J.M. Beecham, of 4 Chester Row, SW1.

Mr R.B.S. Greenhill and Miss L.V.T. Johnston
The marriage will shortly take place of Richard, son of Dr Basil Greenhill, CB, CMG, of Boetheric, Cornwall, and the late Mrs Gillian Greenhill, and stepson of Mrs Ann Greenhill, and Lisa, daughter of the late Mr George Johnston and of Mrs Josephine Johnston, of Bombo, New South Wales.

Mr J.A.C. Lorimer and Miss C.L. Thomas
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Lorimer, of Walberswick, Suffolk, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Huw Thomas, of Brunswick Gardens, London, W8.

Mr D.J. Mabbott and Miss S. Pery-Knox-Gore
The engagement is announced between David Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Mabbott, of Eltham, London, and Siobhan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Pery-Knox-Gore, of Blackheath, London.

Mr C.S. Rayner and Miss K.E. Batty
The engagement is announced between Christian, second son of Mr and Mrs S. Rayner, of Bristol, and Kim Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Batty, of Killamarsh, Sheffield.

Mr P.W. Stanger and Miss C.M. Coatsworth
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs K.W. Stanger, of Hilton, Yarm, and Caroline, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs K. Coatsworth, of Great Ayton, North Yorkshire.

Mr M.W. Sullivan and Miss P.J. Hooper
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Peter G. Sullivan, of 15 The Drive, Esher, and Paula, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Hooper, of The Gables, Weybridge.

Mr H.J. Young and Miss A.J. Baile
The engagement is announced between Henry John, son of Mr and Mrs James Young, of Co Kildare, Republic of Ireland, and Alexandra Jane, daughter of Mr Nicholas Baile, of Islington, London, N1, and Mrs Jane Baile, of Nassington, Northamptonshire.

Marriage

Mr H.J. Barahona and Miss A.S. Hopper
The marriage took place in Geneva, Switzerland, on Saturday, February 28, 1987, between Mr Humberto Jose Barahona, second son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Barahona, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Miss Alison Sarah Hopper, only daughter of Major and Mrs G.M.J. Hopper, of Guildford, Surrey.

Sale room

Snuff bottle not to be sniffed at

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The burgeoning of collector interest in Chinese snuff bottles, tiny examples of the finest Oriental craftsmanship, sent prices through the roof when the collection of Eric Young was offered at Sotheby's yesterday.

The most ferocious bidding battle was between a Hong Kong and a Singapore collector for possession of a porcelain bottle of double gourd form moulded and enamelled with a fruiting gourd vine which dated from the reign of Qianlong. The price soared to £29,700, selling to Hong Kong.

In estimating £3,000 to £5,000, Sotheby's were already forecasting an auction price record for a porcelain bottle, reflecting its exceptional quality. The price sets a new auction record for a bottle in sterling though not in dollars, such are the vagueries of exchange rates.

Prices for snuff bottles generally reflect the rarity of the material and craft involved. Porcelain bottles are relatively common. One of the most curious and difficult techniques is to paint a portrait inside a glass bottle and there are only some 30 recorded.

An example by Ma Shaoxuan, though unsigned, was bid to £26,400 (estimate £8,000-£12,000), again with two collectors hotly competing. In this case a British collector won the day. The price revealed an extraordinary escalation in value over the past few years. It was sold from the collection of Bob Stevens in June 1982 for $5,445.

Eric Young, who died in 1985, bred orchids in the Channel Islands. In the last five years of his life he became interested in snuff bottles and bought extensively. Thus many of his pieces had passed through recent auctions. Several of the top priced bottles had come from the Stevens collection.

An eighteenth century Suchou jade snuff bottle was up from $13,750 in 1981 to £11,000, while a carved and enamelled glass snuff bottle dating from the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century dipped slightly from $22,000 to £10,450. This is another very rare technique of which only 25 or so examples are known. The collection made £303,457 with one per cent left unsold.

Bishop to retire

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Right Rev John Bickersteth, is to retire on October 31, it was announced yesterday.

The bishop, who is aged 65, served as Bishop Suffragan of Warrington before being appointed to the see of Bath and Wells in 1975. After his retirement, he will continue to serve as Clerk of the Closet to the Queen and Chaplain and Sub-Prelate of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Bishop Bickersteth, who escaped by a few weeks the rule that bishops should retire at the age of 70, said yesterday: "I believe it will be good for the diocese and the Church of England to have in Bath and Wells a new look for the Lambeth Conference in 1988 and thereafter".

Appointment
The Rev D.N. Griffiths, Rector of New Windsor, has been appointed Archdeacon of Berkshire, in succession to the Ven J.E. Brown.

Dinners

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, was present last night at the annual vice-presidents' dinner held last night at Inchcape, St Mary Axe. Mr George Turnbull was host and Sir David Orr, president, presided. Others present were:

The Marchioness of Anglesey, Viscount Leverhulme, Lord MacLehose of Beoch, Sir John Cuckney, Sir John Reid, Sir John Tilney, Professor Sir Ian McGregor, Professor R G Hendrickse, Professor M Hommel, Professor W W Macdonald, Professor G S Nelson, Professor K W Newell, Mr N H Baring, Mr J W Bolton, Mr H B Chrimes, Mr L Downes, Mr P Duerden, Mr G J Ellerton, Mr D D Mason, Mr Brian McGrath, Mr N D Toosey, Mr I Yule, Dr W N Beesley, Dr D Smith and Mrs P J Newell.

Carriage Driving Supporters Club
Prince Michael of Kent, President of the Carriage Driving Supporters Club, attended the club's first dinner held last night at the Guildhall, Windsor. Lord Patrick Beresford, Chef d'Equipe of the British three-day event team and Chairman of Windsor Park Equestrian Club, was the principal guest.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Viscount Whitelaw, CH, was a guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held last night at the Hilton hotel. Mr Donald Troup, president, was in the chair and Mr A.P. Sparks also spoke.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Dr Geoffrey Booth, President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street, SE1. Lord Ennals was the principal speaker. Others present included:

Lord Mottistone, Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, Mr D Corbett, Dr M A Wilson, Mr J Cornford, Mr S R Axon, Professor J M Midgley and Professor D G Grahame-Smith.

Parish Clerks' Company
The Parish Clerks' Company held its Shrove Tuesday dinner last night at Sion College when the speakers were the Bishop of Peterborough, Mr Derek Pattinson, Master and Secretary-General to the General Synod of the Church of England, Mrs Eve Keatley, Press Secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Mr Patrick Gilbert, Parish Clerk of All Hallows, Bread Street.

Christ Church Oxford

Any MA of the House, intending to vote in the election for the Chancellorship on Thursday, March 12, or Saturday, March 14, may like to know that a buffet luncheon is available at 12.30 pm each day. Numbers limited. Please notify the Steward's Secretary by Monday, March 9: Telephone 0865 276174.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Antonio Vivaldi, Venice, 1678; Sir Henry Raeburn, portrait painter, Edinburgh, 1756.

DEATHS: Jean Francois Champollion, Egyptologist, Paris, 1832; W. Willett, originator of "daylight savings", Chislehurst, Kent, 1915; William Carlos Williams, physician and poet, Rutherford, New Jersey, 1963.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution was founded in 1824. First North Sea gas piped ashore, off Durham, 1967.

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OBITUARY

DANNY KAYE

Fast-talking comic and friend of the world's children

Danny Kaye, one of the most popular entertainers of his generation, died yesterday in Los Angeles. He was 74.

After a few false starts, he shot to fame in the early 1940s and soon became one of the highest paid and best known variety artists in the world. He later combined his show-business career with a practical interest in underpriviledged children, and travelled to the developing countries to see the problems at first hand.

He came to Britain in February 1948, at the height of his fame, and his season at the London Palladium was a sensation, breaking all attendance records and attracting the sort of hysterical fan worship that was later to be given to pop stars.

He was such a tonic to a country recovering painfully from war that the cartoonist Vicky depicted leading members of the Government trying to boost their popularity by adopting Danny Kaye's effervescent style.

He was a tall, thin man, with a mop of reddish hair, twinkling blue eyes set in a rubbery face, and a gangling body which he could apparently twist into whatever shape he wanted. He was a superb mimic and a dancer of extraordinary energy but his speciality was an ability to pour out comic nonsense at a furious speed.

His act (which he often sustained, alone, for up to an hour and a half) was so fresh and spontaneous that it often appeared to be made up as he went along. Certainly no two performances were exactly the same: but behind the flair for improvisation and the comedian's gift of being able to manipulate an audience lay a solid professionalism acquired over many years.

His work with children was a logical extension of his career, demonstrating afresh how he could achieve perfect rapport with human beings who might not understand a word of the English language.

Danny Kaye was born David Daniel Karminsky in Brooklyn, New York, on January 18, 1913. His parents were Jewish immigrants from Russia.

His gifts for comedy were apparent early on, though his first ambition was to be a doctor and he maintained an interest in medicine throughout his life.

Danny Kaye as Hans Andersen

On leaving school he did a variety of jobs, until he was invited to join a touring vaudeville troupe.

Eventually this took him to the Far East where he learned that his nonsense doggerel could be a sure laughter-raiser among audiences who would not otherwise understand what he was saying.

In 1938 he came to London to appear in cabaret at the Dorchester Hotel: in view of his later fame, the engagement created remarkably little impression.

It was in the 1930s, too, that he started his film career in a series of two-reeler comedies which again made little impact at the time.

His career had begun to stagnate when, in 1939, he met and married a pianist and songwriter, Sylvia Fine. She dedicated herself to providing songs for Kaye and was an important element in his sudden rise to the top.

One of the first songs she wrote for him was a satire on the Stanislavsky school of acting which allowed Kaye to demonstrate his facility for accents: it was to stay in his repertoire for many years. Two successful Broadway musicals led Sam Goldwyn to take him off to Hollywood where he was given the sort of build-up that fortunately his talent could match.

His film career proper began with *Up In Arms* in 1944: it was followed by *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* - possibly the best vehicle ever devised for him - *The Inspector General*, *Hans Christian Andersen* (which spawned two hit songs, "The Ugly Duckling" and "Wonderful Copenhagen"), *Knock on Wood* and *White Christmas*.

Kaye was paid handsomely for his films and his employers almost invariably got their money back many times over; but somehow his talents were never fully exploited on the screen, as if he found a script and the need to work with other actors constricting. In 1954 he was awarded a special Oscar.

Kaye continued to make films regularly throughout the 1950s - they include *The Court Jester*, *Me and the Colonel*, and *The Five Pennies* - and in the early 1960s he started his own television show. But his appearances on the variety stage were getting rarer and more of his time was spent travelling the world as "Ambassador-at-Large" for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

One of his first trips took in the Far East and was the subject of a film called *Assignment Children*. Kaye travelled many thousands of miles for Unicef and regularly gave concerts in aid of the fund.

Kaye had never stressed his Jewishness in his show-business work but the crisis in the Middle East found him an outspoken champion of Israel. This led to his films being banned in Arab countries, and to a controversial visit to Israel after the Six-Day War in 1967 which meant breaking a contract with the Chichester Festival Theatre, where he was to have taken the leading role in Goldoni's comedy, *The Servant of Two Masters*.

It would have been Kaye's first appearance in a classic play and as such it was sold out weeks ahead. The production had to be cancelled and another play put on at very short notice. Kaye was widely criticised for his action.

The India-Pakistan conflict found him once more in Asia, concerned about Unicef's latest burden.

In November 1970 he returned to the Broadway stage for the first time in nearly 30 years to play Noah in a Richard Rodgers musical, *Two By Two*. During the run of the show he injured an ankle but instead of taking a rest, he insisted that he should carry on with the help of crutches and a wheelchair.

He continued to work for Unicef and other charities but he virtually retired from the stage and cinema.

RANDOLPH SCOTT

Randolph Scott, one of the cinema's leading Western stars, died in Los Angeles on March 2. He was 84.

Tall, lean, and weather-beaten, with a soft Virginian accent, he began as a lead in musicals and romantic comedies before making Westerns his speciality. It was a correct assessment of what he did best.

His biggest contribution to the *genre* came in the 1950s, when he was approaching the veteran stage, with pictures like *Seven Men From Now*, *Ride Lonesome*, and *Commanche Station*. They were made for Scott's own company, Ranown, which he formed with the producer, Harry Joe Brown.

Modestly budgeted, using simple revenge plots, and tautly directed by Budd Boetticher, these films saw the maturing of Scott's screen persona as the laconic, unsentimental dispenser of justice, who combined native shrewdness with a fast gun.

He was born Randolph Crane in Orange County, Virginia, on January 23, 1903, and enlisted for service in the First World War at 14 after lying about his age.

He later studied engineering

Randolph Scott in Guns in the Afternoon

at the University of North Carolina, but decided to become an actor and joined the Pasadena Community Playhouse.

A meeting with the producer, Howard Hughes, on a golf course led him into films and he made his screen debut in 1929.

He graduated from supporting parts to leads, and during the 1930s appeared in several musicals including the Astaire-Rogers films *Roberta* and *Follow The Fleet*. He also starred with Shirley Temple in *Rebecca Of Sunnybrook Farm* and *Susannah Of The Mounties*.

But after playing Wyatt Earp in the 1939 film, *Frontier Marshal*, he rarely strayed from the Western. In the same year he was with Tyrone Power and Henry Fonda in *Jesse James*, and he went on to make *Virginia City*, with Errol Flynn, and other big Westerns including *Western Union*.

From the late 1940s his career went into decline and his films were mainly second features of little distinction. But he remained a consistently popular star and his earnings enabled him to amass a huge fortune through investments in oil wells, shares, and property.

When the Ranown cycle finished in 1960, he retired from the screen, but was lured back two years later for Sam Peckinpah's *Guns In The Afternoon*, in which he and another Western stalwart, Joel McCrea, played ageing gunmen undertaking their final mission.

It was Scott's final mission, too. After giving one of his finest performances, he left the cinema for good.

He leaves his widow, Patricia, a son and a daughter.

BILL RICKABY

Bill Rickaby, for some years first jockey to Sir Jack Jarvis's Newmarket stable, died on March 1 aged 69.

His modesty and good manners made him appear to be almost too much of a gentleman for the cut throat hurly burly of the racecourse. Yet in a span of 37 years he rode 1,324 winners in eight countries.

A cousin of Lester Piggott, Bill Rickaby was born on July 15, 1917.

Like his father and grandfather, who between them had many classic successes, he won the One Thousand Guineas and Oaks on Sweet Solera, while a year later in 1962 he was successful on Privy Councillor in the Two Thousand Guineas.

However he considered Busted to have been the best horse he ever rode and on which he won an Eclipse Stakes.

He won all the big races in India and in some seasons made almost a monopoly of them. Sadly his services were less in demand during the last few years than they deserved to be, but he cheerfully acknowledged that young riders must have their day.

1965 was a tragic year for the Rickaby family. His elder daughter died of cancer and he broke a leg.

It was a fitting end to his riding career that Silver Spray, a mount from the Jarvis stable, gave him a farewell win at Newmarket in September 1968.

A few days later he was on his way to Hong Kong to take up the post of assistant stipendary steward. Early in 1970 he was critically injured there in a road accident, and had to return home.

Rickaby will long be remembered for his work on behalf of retired jockeys. His influence played a big part in the shaping of a Jockeys' Association which was quickly recognised and welcomed by the Turf Authorities.

It said much for his character and personality that his friends included so many among his own profession.

PROFESSOR N. E. ODELL

Lord Hunt writes:

All who knew Noel Odell (obituary, February 24), and especially those of us who had climbed on Everest, will hold in affectionate memory this lean, clear-eyed, keen-minded elder statesman among climbers.

He seemed to have the secret of unending youth, and he endeared himself to the younger generations through his active interest in their aspirations and achievements.

I recall that, in 1941, while recovering in Catterick Military Hospital from a climbing accident in Snowdonia in which I had fallen 120 feet, I received a surprise visit from a smart, soldierly if also middle-aged lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, who was stationed nearby.

He saluted as he stood to attention at the foot of my hospital cot. My astonishment at this form of deferential greeting from one of my climbing heroes, albeit that I was a captain at the time, was quite considerable.

It was typical of his modesty and quiet humour.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness...
Joel 2 : 13

BIRTHS

BRENNAND-CARTER - On March 2nd, to Joanna and Christopher, a son, Nicholas Edward, a brother for James and Benjamin.

BROADWAY - On February 25th, in Washington D.C., to Amanda (née Humm) and Robin, a son (Nicholas Michael), a brother for Catherine and Jennifer.

CAPRICE - On February 27th to Leisha and Jeff, a son, Dominic James.

DOY - On March 2nd, to Rosemary and Bruce at St John's, Chelmsford, a son, Giles Christopher Edward.

DRURY - On February 28th, to Debbie (née Swain) and Stephen, at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, a daughter, Frances, a sister for Patrick.

EKELUND - On February 24th, to Margaretha and Peter, a son, Carl Fredrik Daniel Peterson, a brother for Johan and Maria.

HAYES - On February 25th, to Lesley (née Holcroft) and Brian a son, Theodore Frank (the 9th).

HEDGES - On February 24th, to Frances (née Hobbs) and Jonathan, a daughter, Lucy Anne

HOLMES - On February 27th, to Rachel (née Griffiths) and Peter, a son, Edward Louis, a brother for Benedict.

HOUSE - On February 27th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Rowena (née Simon) and Robert, a son, Guy Simon.

HUNTING - On February 23rd 1987, to Gabrielle (née Schofield) and Jeremy, a son, Alexander James, a brother for William. Deo Gratis.

MANSWORTH - On February 16th, at home, to Brenda (née Holdforth) and Paul, a second son, Edward Charles, on his brother Alexander James' 1st birthday

MARTINES - On Saturday 28th February, 1987, to Alison (née Eadie) and Nino, a daughter, Alessandra Helen.

MCLEAN - On March 1st 1987, at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, to Margaret and Hamish, a daughter (Alison Elizabeth), a grand daughter for Callum and Elizabeth of the Breda.

O'DONNELL - On February 26th, at Christiana Hartley Maternity Hospital, Southport, to Yvonne (née Deacy) and Bill, a daughter, Elizabeth Clare, a sister for John, Louise, Aidan, Catherine and Michael. Deo Gratias.

POULTON - On March 2nd, to Jocelyn (née Jenkins) and Clive, a daughter, Eleanor Frances.

RENOUF - On March 2nd, in Jersey, to Tricia (née Coleman) and David, a son, Alexander Romain.

SINCLAIR-POULTON - See Poulton.

TAYLOR - On March 1st, to Fiona (née Almond) and Malcolm, a daughter, Laura Catherine, a sister for Tania.

TICKLER - On February 27th, to Anne and Ian, a daughter, Carola, a sister for Holly.

TUCKWELL - On February 25th, at St. Peter's Hospital, Ottershaw, to Rose and Paul, a daughter, Micaela Holly Anne.

WILSON - On February 23rd, to Rosemary and David, at St James' Leeds, a son, Christopher David, 10 pounds, 11 ounces.

DEATHS

BALDWIN - On February 20th 1987, at Epsom General Hospital, Mabel, aged 100 years, dear sister of the late Charles, Sister Eva SSM and Sister Clare SLG. Funeral at St. Joseph's Church, Heathcote Road, Epsom, Surrey, on Friday March 6th at 11.30am

BRADFORD - On February 28th, peacefully, Maurice Stanley (Peter), late of M.S.Bradford & Co and Bryanston Square, London W1. In a West Sussex nursing home after many years, a stroke victim, suffered with endless guts and courage. His character, humour and personality will be sadly missed. Enquiries to Easton, Kinch & Bailey, 3 Bolt Court, Fleet Street, London EC4A 3DX.

BRICKMAN - On Saturday February 28th 1987, Florence Mackenzie (née Robertson), wife of the late Brigadier Eric Brickman and much loved mother of Jean and Fiora. Peacefully at Craigmount Nursing Home, St Andrews. Funeral service in St Andrews Episcopal Church, Queen's Terrace, St Andrews, on Friday, March 6th, at 2.45pm. Thereafter cremation private. Family flowers only.

BRINKWORTH - On Sunday March 1st, peacefully at the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, Father Guy Brinkworth, S.J., aged 84, Headmaster of St Ignatius College, 1939 - 63. Funeral at St Ignatius Church, Stamford Hill, on Wednesday March 11th, at 11.30am. R.I.P.

BRYAN - On February 28th 1987, peacefully at home, in Aldesbury, Neil William Victor, B.D.S.(LOND) L.D.S., R.C.S.(ENG.), aged 56, late of Whiteparish, dearly loved husband of Wendy, father of Susan, Rosemary and Alison, and grandfather of Frances, beloved brother of Pam and Sheila. Funeral at Salisbury Cathedral on Friday March 6th, at 12.30, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations may be sent to the Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, C/O H.A. Harrold and Son Ltd, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury, Wilts. Telephone Salisbury 21177.

BUCKLAND - On February 28th, Dorothy, sister of Charles and John, peacefully in North London, aged 82.

CAMERON - On February 28th 1987: suddenly at his home, Matthew Archibald (Archie) aged 82 years, loved father of Frances, son-in-law Patrick and grandfather of Anna and Rhona. Funeral, St Andrew's Parish Church, Girton, Cambridge, on Wednesday March 11th at 2.15pm, followed by cremation.

CRAIG - On March 1st 1987, peacefully after a long illness, borne with fortitude and dignity, Winifred Elizabeth, dear wife of Dr James Wallace Craig, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium, on Monday March 9th, at 12 Noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to, The MacMillan Unit, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex. Enquiries to H C Patrick & Co. Tel: (0252) 714884.

DOWEK - On March 1st in London, Victor, dearly loved husband of Nelly, father of Sammy, Ronny and Michael. Funeral has taken place at the Hoop Lane Cemetery, NW11. He will be deeply missed.

ELLIS - On March 2nd, suddenly in his 76th year, Thomas Leslie of Mill House, Glen Mooar, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man. Beloved husband of the late Norah Kathleen, father of Donald, Martin and Lesley, greatly loved grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral Friday 6th March. All enquires, Eric Faragher Ltd, 0624 73109.

FERNO-FERNHOUT - On March 1st, suddenly, in Jerusalem, John, dearly beloved husband of Julia, father of Douwes, of 2 Jericho Road, PO Box 20240, Jerusalem, Israel and of Harskamweg 9, 7361 TA, Hoenderloo, Holland. Funeral in Jerusalem.

GARDINER - On March 2nd, at St Bartholomew's Hospital, Gordon Gardiner, peacefully. Funeral service at the City of London Crematorium, Wanstead, E12, on Thursday March 5th, at 3.50pm. Flowers to undertaker - Millers, 93-95 Essex Rd, Islington, N1.

HARRIS - On March 2nd, peacefully at Frimley Park Hospital, Col.George Douglas Travis Harris, O.B.E., (retd) late Royal Signals. Beloved husband of Diana, much loved father of Judith, and stepfather of Joanna, grandfather to Nicola, Lucy, Michael, Robert, James and Clare. Cremation at Aldershot crematorium on Monday March 9th, at 2.30pm. No flowers please.

HOLDEN - On February 25th, Clarice (née Grune), peacefully at North Ferriby Nursing Home, eldest daughter of Conrad Grune, the printer, The Morning Post, much loved wife of the late Albert Edward Holden. Requiem mass at Hessle, 2.30pm, Thursday March 5th. Family flowers only. Donations to RNLI.

HOLLINS - On February 28th 1987, suddenly while abroad, Richard Sturgess (Dick) husband of Judy and father of Ben, Simon and Adrian. Funeral at Easton on March 6th, at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Memorial service at Framlingham College on March 16th, at 11.30am.

HOTINE - On March 3rd, peacefully Kate, in her 92nd year. Requiem, St. Charles' Weybridge, 11.00am Thursday March 12th. R.I.P.

HUGHES - On March 1st, Lady Marie-Theresa, peacefully after a long courageous struggle, displaying great fortitude & cheerfulness throughout. She will be sadly missed by her husband Jack and her many loving friends. Service on Tuesday March 10th, at St.Margarets Church, Rottingdean at 2.30pm, followed by interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only, donations if so desired to Pestalozzi Childrens Village Trust or Dr Deutsch's Cancer Treatment Fund, Royal Sussex County Hospital. C/O Hanningtons Funeral Directors, 4-6 Montefiore Rd, Hove, East Sussex. Tel: 0273 778735

JORDAN - On March 2nd 1987, peacefully at home, Evelyn (née Tod), loving and much loved wife of Captain RL Jordan OBE, RN, mother of Marion and Trushka, grandmother of David and Jenny. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday March 5th at 1pm. Family service only. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

McBEATH - On February 27th 1987 at the Royal Homoeopathic Hospital, London, after a gallant fight, Audrey, a truly remarkable woman who will be greatly missed by her sons, Norman and Alistair and her very many friends. A truly sad loss. Funeral in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire on March 6th at 1.00 pm. Flowers and enquires to Funeral Directors James Giles & Sons, 24 Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove 0527 72318.

MITCHELL - On March 3rd, 1987, peacefully at Ainley Park, West Clandon, William Scudamore M.B.E., dearly beloved brother of Barbara and Richard. Funeral on Wednesday March 11th, at 12.30pm, West Clandon. Family flowers only. Donations to Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust, 134 Sandgate Road, Folkestone. Wake follows (at his request) at 'The Ridgeway', Shere.

OVERY - On February 28th, Joan, at her home, 92 Southill Park, London, NW3, aged 81 years. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chappel, Friday March 6th, at 1.50pm. No flowers.

PHARAON - On March 1st, peacefully in his sleep, after a long illness borne with courage and dignity, Nagib (Freddie), dearly loved husband of Elizabeth, father of Guy, Leila, Randa, Nina, and a much loved grandfather. Prayers at The Mosque, Regents Park, 12 Noon on Thursday March 5th, followed by interment at Richmond Cemetery. Enquiries and flowers (by 9.30am) to Edwards and Lewis, Kings Street, Hammersmith.

PHILLIP - On March 3rd 1987, Leonard Wrightson, peacefully, aged 78, beloved husband, father and grandfather.

REYNOLDS - On March 1st 1987, peacefully in hospital, after a long illness, Seymour, beloved husband of Margaret, devoted father of Ian, and loving grandfather of Nicholas, Kim-Marie and Jonathan. Private funeral. No flowers. Donations to Cancer Research Fund, Charing Cross Hospital.

RICKABY - On March 1st, peacefully at Newmarket, after a long courageous struggle, William Anthony, beloved husband of Bridget, dearly loved father of Melanie and the late Amanda and grandpa of Archie and Charlie. Much loved by his family and many friends. Funeral Friday March 6th, St Mary's Church, Newmarket 4pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Injured Jockeys Fund, PO Box 9, Newmarket.

SASSE - On February 28th, Captain F H (Tim) M.C. There will be a private funeral, on Friday. Memorial service will take place at a later date. No flowers please, donations to: Little Sisters of The Poor, 77 Manor Road, Stoke Newington, London N16.

SAUNDERS - On February 28th 1987, peacefully at home, after a short illness, Ian Harry, aged 63. Flowers or donations in his memory may be sent to The British Heart Foundation, C/O Pickard and Beale, 11, Brewer Street, Maidstone, Kent. Who can also provide details of the Funeral.

SCOTT - On March 2nd 1987, peacefully, in her 92nd year, Violet Albinia Graham, Daughter of the late Major and Mrs Tom Scott and granddaughter of the late Robert Graham of Fintry. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday March 5th, at 4.30pm. Enquiries to Haine & Son Ltd, 19 South St, Eastbourne. Tel: 0323 27801.

SELLON - On Monday March 2nd, very suddenly, David Dundas, beloved and wonderful husband of Gwen. Cremation private. No flowers or letters please but donations if desired to The Scouts Association. c/o Mummery FD, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

SHORT - On February 28th 1987, suddenly at her home, Jane (née Seymour), wife of the late Christopher Short, novelist. In loving memory, Camilla and Marguerite and family. Enquiries to Blackburn's Funeral Service at 0843-62897.

SLAVEN - On March 2nd, peacefully at Bournemouth, aged 88, Sidney Edward, loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St.Antony's, West Moors, Dorset, 11.00am, Monday March 9th. Family flowers only, donations in memory to: Hosanna House Trust, 119 Westmead Road, Sutton.

SNEDDLES - On Saturday February 28th, at home, Thomas Henry (Harry), dearly loved husband of Dorothy and much loved father of Simon. Funeral at Salisbury Crematorium, Friday March 6th, at 11.15am. Family flowers only, donations to St.Mary's Parish Church, Abbotts Ann, restoration fund, C/O Dunning Funeral Directors Ltd, 2 Church Close, Andover.

TENNANT - On February 26th, in France, after a long illness, Boris, aged 83, beloved husband of Vera, and father of, Tanya and grandfather of Daniel.

THOMAS - On February 27th, Catherine (Kit), of Fowlers Road, Salisbury, peacefully in Salisbury General Infirmary. Service at St Martin's Church on Friday March 6th, at 2.30pm, followed by interment in London Road Cemetery. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, C/O D K Shergold, 159-161 Fisherton St, Salisbury.

WELLS - On March 1st 1987, peacefully at Poole Hospital, Mary Isabel, of Talbot Woods, Bournemouth, aged 58 years, dearly beloved wife of Rex, adored mother of Trisha, Christopher, David, Jonathan and Caroline and much loved grandmother of Jennie. Family funeral service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday March 5th, at 2.45pm, and Memorial Evensong Service, on Sunday March 15th, at 4.00pm, at St.Ambrose Church, Westbourne. No Flowers. Donations if desired to: Church of England Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery St, WC1X 0JL.

WETHERELL - On February 20th 1987, in Javea, Spain, Ian Colin, formally of Northen Rhodesia and Chelsea, London. Husband of the late June Pamela and father of Peter Arrol Royds. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Donations to The British Heart Foundation.

WINDLE-TAYLOR - On March 1st 1987, peacefully in hospital, after a long illness, Margaret (Diana),JP, dearly loved wife of, David and mother of Paul. Cremation at the East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium on Friday March 6th, at 3.50pm.

WINGFIELD DIGBY - On Sunday, March 1st, peacefully in hospital Barbara aged 70 years. Much loved wife of Basil and mother of Stephen, Judith, Nicholas and Andrew. Funeral service at the Church of the Transfiguration, Canford Cliffs, Poole on Monday, March 9th at 2.30pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but if desired donations may be sent for the MacMillan Unit, Christchurch Hospital or the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, c/o Mews Funeral Directors, 6 Bournemouth Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. Tel: (0202) 741169.

WRIGHT - On February 28th 1987, Rita Doris Wright (née Potter), wife of the late Joseph Charles, mother of Frances and Peter and dearly loved grandmother. Memorial service at Salisbury Cathedral on Friday March 6th, at 3.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOWARD - Requiem Masses will be held for the Honourable Hubert Howard at Greystoke Church, Penrith, Cumbria at 3pm on Thursday 12th March and at Westminster Cathedral at 11.20am on Wednesday 25th March.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

A THANKSGIVING service for the late Reginald E Philips, Jamaica Ambassador to Venezuela, and Former Deputy High Commissioner to Jamaican High Commission in London, will be held at the Royal Parish Church, St Martin's in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Saturday March 7th 1987, at 4.15pm, all are invited to attend.

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Science report

Reputation of Tufty Club takes a dent

By Peter Brock

One of the endearing symbols of adult attempts to teach road safety to young children is the squirrel of the Tufty Club. But it is symbolic only of woodland charm rather than efficiency in putting across the required message.

The club was founded in 1961 by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and the squirrel and its animal friends have formed a significant part of childhood culture through stories, colouring sheets and songs — much used by road safety officers.

Three psychologists from Lancaster University, Dr Charles Antaki, Dr Peter Morris and Mrs Brenda Flude, decided to investigate the effects of Tufty inculcation, having been given research funds for a road safety study by a local coach company.

They recruited first-year children from 31 primary schools in Lancashire, 13 of which used Tufty Club materials and 18 which did not. In all 186 children — equal numbers of boys and girls — took part.

When the children were halfway through their first year at school, they underwent their first tests of road safety knowledge. Each was seen individually for 15 minutes and shown a video tape of people at a busy pelican crossing, the tape having been edited to show proper, improper and ambiguous use of the crossing. Points were awarded for the identification of incorrect behaviour, the child having to explain why it was wrong.

Another test involved the children looking at cards depicting proper and improper roadside behaviour. Both tests were devised in collaboration with the local road safety officers.

Children from the non-Tufty schools scored marginally higher on the test, though without there being any significant statistical difference.

The tests were repeated six months later, and although the scores of both groups improved, there was no significant difference between them. Which left the psychologists pondering the reasons, admitting that the results were both counter-intuitive and disappointing.

"A lot of good will and effort goes into running Tufty Clubs", Dr Morris said, "and it would be easy, on these results, for a cynical budget manager in education to cut the money spent on such work".

He feels that the material may be used as a way of filling in time at school with their real objectives becoming diffused and "far removed from the reality of road knowledge". Dr Morris and his colleagues believe that their study reveals a need to evaluate techniques for teaching road safety.

Source: *The British Journal of Educational Psychology*, no 56, 241.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit Marconi Defence Systems at Stanmore, Middlesex, at 11.

The Princess of Wales will visit Fashion Services for the Disabled, Saltaire Workshops, Ashley Lane, Shipley, West Yorkshire, at 10; and as Patron of the British Deaf Association, will visit Leeds Centre for the Deaf, Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, at 11.40.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will preside at a dinner for major benefactors and fund raisers in Senate House, Malet Street, WC1, at 7.15.

Mr K. Frydenlund

A book of condolence for Mr Knut Frydenlund, Norwegian Foreign Minister, will be kept open at the Norwegian Embassy, 25 Belgrave Square, London, SW1, today from 10am to 1pm and from 2pm to 4pm, and tomorrow from 10am to 1pm.

Latest wills

Viscount Knutsford, of Munden, Hertfordshire, co-founder of the National Association for the Paralysed, left estate valued at £3,141,786 net.

Mr Donald Walter Ostenfeld, of Southport, Merseyside, company managing director, left estate valued at £1,841,931 net.

Correction

The doctor photographed with Princess Michael of Kent in the Special Report on gastroenterology (February 20) was Dr A.R.W. Hatfield, not Dr Gordon Sladen as stated.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLARE - Philippa Anne Elizabeth (b.16 Sept 86) Baptised at Botley, Hants, 1st March 1987, daughter of Roy and Sarah, sister of Oliver.

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(Estate about £54,000)
The kin of the above named are requested to apply to Messrs Pardoes, Solicitors, 6 King Square, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3DG

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☆ **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?:** Billie Whitelaw and Patrick Stewart play the alcoholic academics in revival of Albee's finest drama.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.45pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5.45pm, £6.95, *until March 14.*

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Maylair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: ☆ **A Piece of My Mind:** George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols' new play covering 20 years in a writer's life.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225 65065), Mon-Wed 7.30-9.55pm, Thurs-Sat 8-10.25pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.55pm, Sat 4.30-6.55pm, £1.50-£12, until March 7.

BRISTOL: ★ **Julius Caesar:** The new Company 3 brings together actors, directors and writers from "differing cultural and ethnic backgrounds". Roger Rees directs the opening production.
New Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon-Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £4, until March 14.

BURY ST EDMUNDS: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays *Ibsen's feckless hero in this* Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production.
Theatre Royal, Westgate Street (0284 69505). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£5.50, until March 7.

DERBY: ☆ **Our Day Out:** Willy Russell's calamity-packed school outing show.
Playhouse Theatre, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 363275), Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10pm, £3-£5, until March 7.

GREENWICH: ☆ **The Viewing:** Graeme Garden as unearthly visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to account. Odd play by David Pownall, strongly acted.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £3-£7.50, *until March 14.*

LEEDS: ☆ **Camille.** First performance outside the West End of Pam Gems's stirring tear-jerker. With Diane Katis.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111) Mon and Tues 8-10.40pm, Wed-Sat 7.30-10.10pm, £4-£5.50, until March 7.

LEICESTER: ★ **All's Well That Ends Well:** The dark side of Shakespeare's comedy; chance to see a rarely performed play.
Haymarket Studio Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797) Mon-Thurs 7.45-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, £3, *until March 11.*

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Alchemist:** Ben Jonson's sharp comedy of dupes and swindlers in Jacobean London.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061-833 9833) Mon-Thurs 7.30-10.25pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.55pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.20pm, Sat 4-6.50pm. £2.50-£9, until March 28.

MANCHESTER ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street (061 236 9922/9926) *Henry IV Part One* today 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 11-2pm, *Henry IV Part Two* Thurs 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 3.30-6.30pm, *Henry V* today 2-5pm, Fri 7.30-10.30pm, and Sat 8-11pm, £4.50-£9.50.

RICHMOND: ☆ **Largo Desolato:** Vaclav Havel's play about the tribulations of a dissident. With Geoffrey Beevers.
Orange Tree, 45 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey (01-940 3633) Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat 5-7pm, £2.50-£5, until March 7.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **Rat in the Skull:** Revised version of Ron Hutchinson's play about how an Irish bomber suspect came to be injured in a police cell.
Crucible Theatre Studio, 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, £3.50, until March 21.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Paul Jones as Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe as Kate in the RSC's first American musical.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinée Wed and Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£16.50, until March 7.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	**Stand By Me,** Ben E King	WB
2	(2)	**When A Man Loves A Woman,** Percy Sledge	WB
3	(8)	**Live It Up,** Mental As Anything	Epic
4	(4)	**Male Stripper,** Man 2 Meet Man Parrish	Bolts
5	(9)	**Crush On You,** The Jets	MCA
6	(7)	**Running In The Family,** Level 42	Polydor
7	(–)	**Everything I Own,** Boy George	Virgin
8	(13)	**Down To Earth,** Curiosity Killed The Cat	Mercury/Phonogram
9	(–)	**The Great Pretender,** Freddie Mercury	Parlophone
10	(23)	**I Get The Sweetest Feeling,** Jackie Wilson	SMP

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Phantom Of The Opera,** Original Cast	Polydor
2	(–)	**The World Won't Listen,** The Smiths	Rough Trade
3	(2)	**The Very Best Of Hot Chocolate,** Hot Chocolate	RAK
4	(3)	**Graceland,** Paul Simon	WB
5	(6)	**Picture Book,** Simply Red	Elektra
6	(5)	**Silk And Steel,** Five Star	Tent/RCA
7	(4)	**August,** Eric Clapton	Duck/WB
8	(7)	**Live Magic,** Queen	EMI
9	(10)	**The Final Countdown,** Europe	Epic
10	(9)	**Give Me The Reason,** Luther Vandross	Epic

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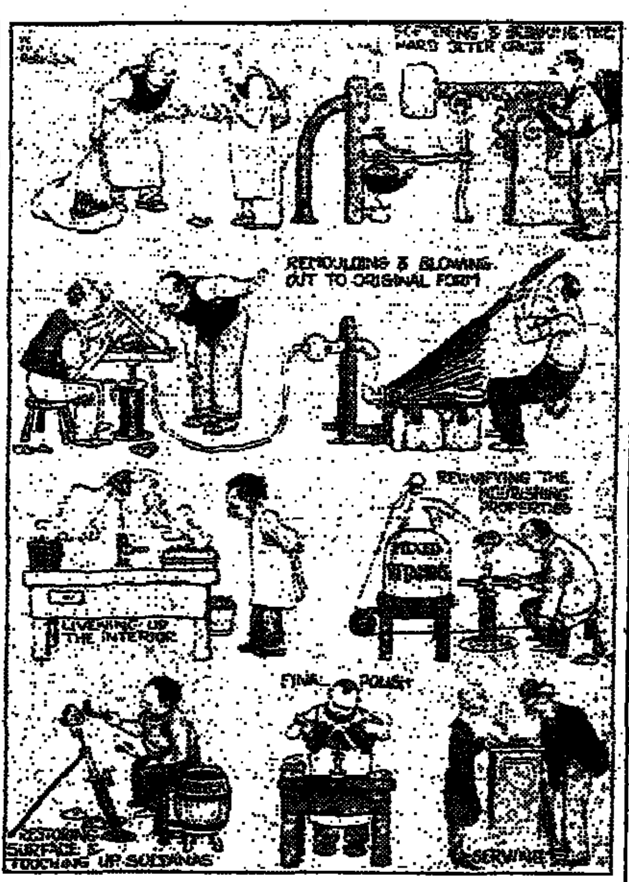
REMOULDING & BLOWING OUT TO ORIGINAL FORM
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SERVING

William Heath Robinson (1872-1944) is a rarity among British artists. Not only is he remembered with affection 40 years after his death, but his name has become part of the language, a synonym for absurd yet ingenious gadgets such as the terimanicula, a multi-purpose tool which could be used for removing gravy stains from gravel paths. He is the unofficial patron saint of both amateur handymen and cowboy builders. Robinson came from a family of artists and, after leaving the Royal Academy schools, followed his father and two brothers into book illustration. He was soon working flat out, illustrating Rabelais and Shakespeare to highbrow critical acclaim while entertaining the populace with humorous drawings in a range of newspapers and weekly magazines. For the *Sunday Graphic* in 1935 he made an unforgettable drawing, shown above, called "Resuscitating stale railway scones for redistribution at the station buffets". During this labour-intensive process a pile-driver is used to fracture the old crust and an artist is employed to touch up the sultanas. This is one of the drawings in the catalogue (£10) accompanying London's most amusing exhibition. The show itself comprises 330 original Robinson drawings, illustrations and paintings and is on display from today at Chris Beetles Limited, 10 Ryder Street, London SW1 (01-839 7551), daily 10-5.30pm, free. Until March 27. ***David Lee***

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ ***Advance booking possible***

BACK TO SCHOOL (15): Collegiate *hi-jinks with a new twist — a middle-aged, self-made millionaire enrols as a freshman to encourage his son. With Rodney Dangerfield, Sally Kellerman; directed by Alan Metter (96 min).*
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.

CACTUS (PG): Bizarre and *powerful romance from Australia's most adventurous film-maker, Paul Cox, with Isabelle Huppert as the French visitor half-blinded in a car accident (105 min).*
☎ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 2.20, 4.20, 6.25, 8.40.

■ **CASTAWAY (15):** Lucy Irvine's tropical island adventure, filmed by Nicolas Roeg with pretty and provocative pictures, but no narrative drive. With Oliver Reed and newcomer Amanda Donohoe (116 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 8861). Progs 2.30, 5.35, 8.20.

CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15): Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as *the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin). Nominated for five Oscars (113 min).*
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

COMING UP ROSES (PG): Modest, endearing Welsh-language film about the closure of a small town cinema. Directed by Stephen Bayly with a touch of the old Ealing spirit (94 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.35, 3.30, 5.50, 8.15.
☎ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05.

THE FANTASIST (18): Director Robin Hardy returns with another tall story, about a woman-killer at large in Dublin. With Moira Harris as the heroine in peril, Christopher Cazenove as a one-legged police inspector and heaps of local colour (94 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.40, 8.40.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.35, 8.40.

GOTHIC (18): Ken Russell's film starts with the stormy gathering at Byron's Villa Diodati which inspired Mary Godwin's *Frankenstein.* With Gabriel Byrne, Natasha Richardson and Julian Sands though scenes are regularly stolen by lightning, leeches, phallic armour and female automatons (87 min).
☎ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 1.15, 3.10, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10.

NANOU (15): A modest first feature from British writer-director Conny Templeman, with Imogen Stubbs as the girl who grows estranged from her lover, a French anarchist (105 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **SHORT CIRCUIT (PG):** Lightning strikes a robotized weapons system, causing chaos. Inventive comic romp for teenagers, directed by John Badham; with Ally Sheedy, Steve Guttenberg (99 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.15, 8.25, 10.40.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 3.00, 5.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-586 3057). Progs 2.40, 5.00.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **LESCOSALDI LUNCH:** In their series devoted to cantantas from Telemann's *Der Harmonische Gottesdienst* the Lescosaldi Ensemble perform Cantanta No 13 "Seele, lerne dich erkennen", also Gottfried Finge's Sonata in C minor.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **ECSTATIC SCRIABIN:** "Le poeme de l'Extase" by Scriabin and Henze's Symphony No 4 are the rarities in this programme by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Sir John Pritchard. In Brahms's Piano Concerto No 2 the soloist is Peter Serkin.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£11.

☆ **KRAEMER/CAMARATA:** Nicholas Kraemer conducts the Manchester Camarata in Bach's Suite No 3, Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks, Mozart's Piano Concerto K 467 (soloist, Imogen Cooper) and Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso Op 3 No 11.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7.30-9.30pm, £1.50-£7.

☆ **GROVES/RLPO:** Mozart's *Magic Flute* Overture and Alexander Goehr's Symphony in One Movement are played by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic under Sir Charles Groves, and Alfred Brendel solos in Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051-709 3789), 7.30-9.30pm, £2.60-£6.80.

☆ **HOLST SINGERS:** Conducted by Peter Robinson, the Holst Singers perform Howells's Requiem, Messiaen's "O sacrum convivium" Poulenc's Mass in G and Schoenberg's early "Friede auf Erden".
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£4.

☆ **VILLA-LOBOS CENTENARY:** On the eve of the centenary of his birth the Serenata Chamber Ensemble play Villa-Lobos's "Quinteto en Forme de Chôros", "Poême da Criança e sua Mamã", "Sexteto Mistica" and other things.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£5.

☆ **CLEOBURY/PHILHARMONIA:** Nicholas Cleobury conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Mendelssohn's *Hebrides* Overture, Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks, Grieg's Piano Concerto (Joanna Guenberg, soloist) and Beethoven's Symphony No 6 "Pastoral".
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5.50-£11.50.

DANCE

☆ **FOOL'S DAY:** New works by Janet Smith and Dancers.
Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 1394), 7.30-9.45pm, £5 (£3 unwaged).

☆ **RED STEPS:** London Contemporary Dance Theatre dance Siobhan's Davies' latest work together with Robert North's *Troy Game* and Robert Cohan's *Interrogations.*
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.30-9.45pm, £4.50-£7.50.

★ **THE SNOW QUEEN:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in David Bintley's staging of the Hans Andersen story.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532-459351), matinée 2-5pm, 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£12.50.

ROCK

★ **THE CULT:** Having abandoned all arty pretensions, Ian Astbury and Co have emerged as a full-blown heavy rock act, creaming off riffs from Free and Led Zeppelin to secure a big hit with "Love Removal Machine". Start of a lengthy British tour.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091-232 8520), 7pm, £5.50-£6.

☆ **TED HAWKINS:** The 50-year-old ex-busker from LA is still watching his step. Great singer.
Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds (0532 480887), 7.30pm, £3.50-£4.

★ **DEEP PURPLE/BAD COMPANY:** Two 70s supergroups lugging a ton of historical baggage.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234), 7.30pm, £8.50-£9.50.

☆ **ICICLE WORKS:** Liverpudlian trio with an assured sense of the modern guitar rock idiom.
Southampton University Students Union, Highfield Lane (0703 586122), 8pm, £3.25.

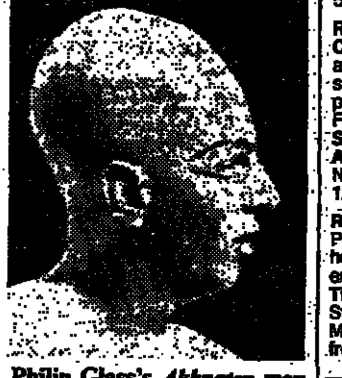
OPERA

★ **DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE:** Still a somewhat lacklustre *Flute* in its second time round revival at Covent Garden; but Mikael Melbye as Papageno brightens things up considerably among the new young cast.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7-10.15pm, £2-£40.

★ **AKHNATEN:** Philip Glass's minimalist opera of Ancient Egypt, in David Freeman's hypnotic ritual production. Visually stunning, aurally mesmeric, and with Christopher Robson returning to the title role.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£10.

☆ **COUNT OF LUXEMBOURG:** Nigel Douglas restages Tom Hawkes's original production of Lehar's stylish operetta.
New Sadlers Wells Opera, Sadlers Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£16.50.

★ **JULIETTA:** Students of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama enterprisingly present what they claim to be only the second British production of Martinu's opera, otherwise known as *The Key of Dreams.*
Guildhall School, Barbican, Silk Street, London EC1 (01-628 2571), 7-10pm, free.



Philip Glass's *Akhnaten* may not be the strongest of his three operas, but its revival by the English National Opera at the Coliseum less than two years after its first British performances suggests a growing interest in the yuppie-slanted "systems music" of this New York composer. As the hermaphrodite Pharoah of the title, Christopher Robson leads a production whose clever staging generally manages to deflect attention from an occasionally threadbare score.

☆ **DER FLIEGENDE HOLLÄNDER:** John Cox's new, Industrial Revolution of a *Dutchman* for Scottish Opera, with Norman Bailey and Kathryn Harries.
Scottish Opera, Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-331 1234), 7.15-9.30pm, £3-£19.

JAZZ

☆ **STAN TRACEY:** His full 15-piece orchestra performs Tracey's outstanding new suite inspired by the Book of Genesis, soloists including Henry Lowther and Tony Coe. Highly recommended.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ **OLIVER JONES:** Canadian pianist; influenced — like his great compatriot, Oscar Peterson — by Art Tatum.
Bakery & Brewhouse, 14 Gloucester Street, Oxford (0865 727265), 8pm, £1 cover charge.

GALLERIES

JOSEPH CORNELL (1903-1972): Surreal assemblages of ephemera and drawings presented in the glass-fronted boxes which are the stylistic hallmark of this American artist.
Waddington Galleries, 11 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 8611), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until March 28.

PATRICK HERON: Sketches for a commissioned portrait of Jo Grimond as well as gouaches based on Heron's own Cornish garden by this normally abstract colourist.
Waddington Galleries, 2 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 8611), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until March 28.

VICTOR NEWSOME: A rare exhibition of 40 pictures done since 1980 by an artist who paints the female form using the tricky and time-consuming tempera process.
Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-629 5161), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-12.30, free, until March 28.

VICTORIA BARTLETT: Sculptures and Morandi-like still-life arrangements of containers and bottles on shelves.
Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, 4 New Burlington Place, London W1 (01-434 1768), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 11-1.30pm, free, until April 4.

THE SOCIETY OF BOTANICAL ARTISTS: An open exhibition of work by flower painters.
Mall Galleries, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 6844), Daily 10-5pm, £1, until March 10 only.

ELIZABETH JANE LLOYD: Still-life by a widely-exhibited painter.
Sally Hunter Fine Art, 2 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 0934), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, free, until March 27.

JOHN CONSTABLE APPEAL: The Tate has mounted an appeal for £2.9 million to buy "The Opening of Waterloo Bridge", an unusual late oil on show in Gallery 9.
The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, free, until April 20.

HELEN CHADWICK: An installation of sculpture and photography by a much acclaimed and respected feminist artist.
Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 (041-332 7521), Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until March 22.

ROBERT AND LISA SAINSBURY COLLECTION: Recent additions to a major collection of "primitive" sculpture as well as family portraits, including a number by Francis Bacon.
Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, Norwich (0603-56161), Tues-Sun 12-5pm, 50p, until May 3.

ROBERT NANTEUIL (1623-1678): Portrait engravings by an artist who helped build a courtly image for the era of the Sun King.
The Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh (031-225 5955), Mon-Fri 9-5.30pm, Sat 9.30-1pm, free.

TALKS

THE ARTS OF THE REGENCY: Two part gallery talk by Elizabeth Murdoch.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-581 4894/5), Part I noon, Part II 2.30pm, free.

MOUNTAIN MANIA: Illustrated talks by three famous travellers — Richard Crane, Rosie Swale and John Pilkington. Proceeds to Intermediate Technology.
Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London SW7, 6.30pm, £2.

SDP ECONOMIC POLICY — FACT OR FICTION?: Talk by Ian Wrigglesworth MP.
Oxford University, St Johns College, New Seminar Room (0865 246581), 8.15pm, free.

SNOWFLAKES — THEIR GROWTH AND FORM: Talk by Dr G.P. McCauley.
University of Birmingham, Physics Poynting Building, 11am, free.

BREATHLESS IN THE ALPS — WALKING IN THE JUNGFRAU REGION OF SWITZERLAND: Talk by Robert Walls.
Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey (0784 34455), 5.15pm, free.

WALKS

ELEGANT MAYFAIR: meet Green Park tube, 2pm, £2.25.

HISTORY OF THE COCKNEYS — POOR ALLEYS AMID WEALTH: meet St Pauls tube, 11am, £3.

JEWISH EAST END — ROOTS IN TIMELESS STREETS: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

JACK THE RIPPER'S VICTORIAN LONDON: meet Aldgate East tube (Art Gallery exit), 11am, £2.

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK — ST JAMES'S: meet Green Park tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

OTHER EVENTS

THE DECORATIVE ANTIQUES AND TEXTILES FAIR: 56 exhibitors selling a huge range of decorative antiques and textiles — shawls, tapestries, samplers, carpet bowls, silk pictures, quilts and south east Asian screens, 19th century ceramics, ironstone, drinking glasses, painted furniture and garden statuary.
Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London WC1 (01-837 6470), 11am-8pm, £2 includes catalogue. Accompanied child free.

RHS PRACTICAL GARDENING DEMONSTRATIONS: Learn how to grow alpines under glass from the horticultural experts at Wisley.
RHS Gardens, Wisley, near Ripley, Surrey (0483 224234), 2pm-3.30pm, Gardens open 10am-sunset, adult £2, child £1.

TAPE SLIDE PRESENTATIONS: "English romanesque manuscripts" (12.30pm); "mediaeval psalters" (2pm).
British Library, Seminar Room, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1544), free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN RECITAL: Concert for St George's Day with BBC Concert Orchestra and 200-voice choir, Valerie Masterson and John Aydon. Kenneth Alwyn conducts. April 23. Telephone booking from today.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002).

MARCH OF THE FALSETTOS: Booking for new musical by William Finn, with Martin Smith, Simon Green and Barry James, directed by Roger Haines. Opens March 24.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3878).

LAST CHANCE

DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE: Last performance this season of Royal Opera production, in German, with Robert Tear, Angela Maria Blasi and Robin Leggate. Peter Schneider conducts. Tonight at 7pm.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

WORKING WITH LIGHT: 18 stained glass artists from Europe demonstrate new approaches to glass in architecture, with large panels up to ten feet high. Until Sunday.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

HAMISH HORSLEY/KATHY PRENDERGAST: Scuplture and drawings by Henry Moore Foundation fellow. Ends Saturday.
Chisenhale Studios, 64-84 Chisenhale Road, Bow, London E3 (01-981 4518).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45 PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. Nicholas Cleobury cond Joanna Greenberg piano. Prog inc works by MENDELSSOHN; HANDEL; GRIEG; BEETHOVEN.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30pm. BBC S.O. Sir John Pritchard. Peter Serkin. Brahms: Piano Concerto No.2. Henze Symphony No.4. Scriabin: Le poeme de l'extase.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 Akhnaten. Tomor 7.30 The Mikado

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC. Tickets £1-£22.50 (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day Ton't 7.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Die Zauberflöte. Tomor 7.30 Norma

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THEATRES

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THE ARTS

Nothing new

BBC Scotland does not often get a new serial splashed on the cover of *Radio Times*. Written by John (*Slab Boys*) Byrne and starring the "alternative" comedian Robbie Coltrane, the home-grown *Tutti Frutti* (BBC1) trades in the universal theme of cultural nostalgia. Returning from a sordid cold-water exile in New York City for his brother's funeral in Glasgow, the protagonist takes the dead man's place in a middle-aged rock 'n' roll band, The Majestics, who embark on a jubilee tour of low-rent venues.

It seemed to take a mighty effort to flesh out this idea into an hour of television. The opening graveyard scene gave warning by taking so long to establish the frame of reference. Rock 'n' roll funerals are no more comic in themselves than is any other event: the writer and director should have recognized the need to do something fresh with the convention.

TELEVISION

The remainder of this first episode was largely given over to a tedious account of Mr Coltrane's monolithic imposition on a cocktail waitress (Emma Thompson). "Normally women find me completely irresistible", claimed the waistline-deprived imposer, taking a brief rest from his portfolio of "funny" accents. We were even treated to a slab of reminiscence in an art gallery — that dire cinematic cliché.

Tutti Frutti is billed as a comedy drama, but on this evidence it falls down on both counts. Indeed, its funniest aspect so far has been the fact that a cocktail waitress should inhabit such a classy flat.

If you feel you have been short-changed by programmes such as this, you could always complain to the estimable Penny Junor, whose consumer-watchdog series *4 What It's Worth* (Channel 4) returned with reports on a timeshare fraud and the deteriorating condition of Britain's pavements. Miss Junor and her colleagues now sit at cylindrical altars covered with what look like striped blankets. These are perfectly horrible to view; the programme itself is worth its air-time.

Martin Cropper

Soviet liberalization rewarded

CINEMA

David Robinson reports on success, and those who deserved success, at the Berlin Film Festival

It has never happened before in 50 years of film festivals that a major competition entry is concurrently the all-out international box-office hit. Oliver Stone's **Platoon**, which took second prize in Berlin, has spent the last two months at the top of the box-office charts in America, where it is grossing something more than $10 million a week, and has been nominated for a pile of Oscars.

With the script written 10 years ago, the film is a recollection of Stone's then recent war experiences — an *All Quiet on the Western Front* for Vietnam. The hero (Charlie Sheen) is a sensitive, intelligent, middle-class youngster who has volunteered out of sincere belief in the American cause. He soon loses face in the myth of "dulce et decorum". Most of his comrades are from America's underprivileged, and bring the resentments and habits of civilian life into war. Drugs and racialism are endemic. In action he witnesses cowardice and betrayal; atrocities committed by confused, frightened, ignorant men; fratricide committed under cover of the confusion of battle.

Platoon shared many qualities with the Hungarian entry, Márta Mészáros's **Diary for My Lovers** (which I reviewed from its Budapest première). Even when these films are not remarkable for subtlety or artistry, they have the power that comes from personal memory of fragments of history, encountered at uncomfortably close quarters. Meszaros's film recalls adolescence between Budapest and Moscow in the cold early Fifties, as the orphan of a victim of the Stalinist purges.

The eventual winner of first prize, Gleb Panfilov's **Theme**, also made film festival history, by being seven years old — one of the long-suppressed films brought to light in the new climate of the USSR. This is an ironic, low-key comedy in the Chekhov tradition, about a distinguished writer who finds himself in a state of block, and returns for inspiration to the remote rural town of his youth. There he learns bitterly how much he has lost touch with an intellectual and spiritual reality that thrives, against the odds, in this small town. The Berlin jury (headed by Klaus-Maria Brandauer) clearly acknowledged the new liberalization of the Soviet cinema, though Panfilov's film deserved a prize in its own right.

Disillusion sets in for Charlie Sheen in *Platoon*, uniquely a major festival competitor and a world box-office winner

LEADING PRIZE-WINNERS

GOLDEN BEAR: *Theme* (USSR, director Gleb Panfilov)
SILVER BEAR: *Platoon* (USA, director Oliver Stone)
SPECIAL JURY PRIZE: *The Sea and Poison* (Japan, director Kei Kumai)
BEST ACTOR: Gian Maria Volonté (*The Moro Affair*, Italy)
BEST ACTRESS: Ana Beatriz Nogueira (*Vera*, Brazil)
SILVER BEAR FOR ACHIEVEMENT: *Diary for My Lovers* (Hungary, director Márta Mészáros) and *The Year of Awakening* (Spain, director Fernando Trueba)
INTERNATIONAL CRITICS' PRIZE: *Theme*

Britain's entry, **Comrades**, Bill Douglas's highly personal epic about the Tolpuddle Martyrs, evidently had a tougher time with the jury — the American jurors in particular finding it long and hard going for their temperaments. But this is Douglas's wilful way. He is unqiue among British directors in his ability to create his own worlds on film: and he clearly needs such length (over three hours) and leisure for his purposes.

The evocation of rural England in the 1830s absorbs us so completely that we can feel with the people in the film the value of a shilling, the nature of poverty and the extent of social inequality of the times. The images are extraordinary, like period paintings, with never an anachronism to break the mood. Star players like Robert Stephens, James Fox, Vanessa Redgrave and Michael Hordern are subsumed into the whole pattern; and the overall effect transcends the indulgences and naiveties which are also part of Douglas's style.

The festival's non-competitive Panorama section offered two promising débuts from a generally depressed German cinema. In **Francesca** Verena Rudolph attempts to create a charisma without a character. Francesca, a star of the Twenties who survived to work with Fellini, and finally became a mystic and crazy recluse, is recalled by her friends at a party given to celebrate what would have been her eightieth birthday.

While Francesca, whom we never see, is a purely fictitious figure, however, these friends play their own real-life selves. They are ancient actors, actresses, clowns, singers and dancers; and a colourful collection of one-time Fellini extras. Each of them much larger than life, these old egotists intertwine their colourful memoirs with invented adventures of Francesca.

Crazy Boys is the directorial début of the fine character actor Peter Kern, who was long associated with Fassbinder, most often playing baby-faced heavyweights. He elevates a story that could be the stuff of any German sex comedy — a bankrupt club-owner starts a male strip-show for lady clients — with infectious generosity and a real feeling for the unglamorous backstage world of the Hamburg clubs and cabarets.

In the Berlin Young Film Makers' Forum the major showpiece was Peter Watkins's vast documentary collage on nuclear war, **The Journey**. Effective in its audio-visual experiments and its documentation (at intervals there is a tally of how much money has been spent on the arms race since the film began, at the rate of $1.3 million per minute), it is finally quixotic, since only the devoutly converted are likely to sit through its 14 unremitting hours.

Brisk and lucid

CONCERTS

Peter Serkin
Wigmore Hall

Peter Serkin's lucidity, which is his most estimable quality, was perhaps most extremely displayed at his recital on Monday when he made contrapuntal episodes in Messiaen's *Cantéyodjayâ* seem as suavely coherent and steady as Bach's counterpoint had sounded in his performance of the G major Prelude and Fughetta. But this revelatory rereading of Messiaen went in other directions too.

Where normally, and with the composer's authority, the main idea is played for its rainbow resonances, Mr Serkin took it fast and brusquely, reducing it to monochrome but giving it an intemperateness that showed how very near Messiaen was at this stage to the sonatas of his pupils Barraqué and Boulez.

Or indeed to Beethoven, whose Diabelli Variations were the main work on the programme. This again was a performance benefiting from clarity of exposition, a well-spread variety of tempo (up to whirling dervish speed in Variation 27) and a close grip on motif. The phrasing of larger melodies could be disconcertingly plain, an effect heightened by the dry pedalling.

Mr Serkin found little of Chopin in this music, and the lack of affectation in the coloratura of the antepenultimate variation seemed almost in itself an affectation. But in general the underplaying of character was helpful in making this a sequence not of genre pieces but of different bendings of time, different shadowings and deformations of the same harmonic tread, ranging from the almost stopped softness of Variation 20 to the unreal 18th-century light of the finale.

This command over speed of harmonic movement, as distinct from simple tempo, also served Mr Serkin well in the interrupted interruptions of Wolpe's *Form IV*, a piece close to this pianist in its mental athleticism.

Paul Griffiths

Alive and Composing
Guildhall School of Music and Drama

With 60 different composers represented in events that took place simultaneously in five different rooms from 11 in the morning to the middle of the evening, the Society for the Promotion of New Music was doing its job with a vengeance in its "Alive and Composing" day on Sunday. The jamboree included music by the likes of Stockhausen, Takemitsu and Xenakis, but rightly the accent was placed firmly upon younger British composers.

That emphasis was taken up in the climactic evening concert given by the National Centre for Orchestral Studies Symphony Orchestra, in which we heard two new British scores and one rather older one. Elizabeth Maconchy's suite *The Land* was written in 1929, when she was 22, and performed a year later at the Proms. Listening to it half a century on, one is surprised that such an arresting work failed to gain a lasting foothold in the repertoire. Already in the four movements, each given the title of a season, Maconchy shows a powerful and individual voice, one that combines harmonic originality with a tough kind of lyricism, looking forward a decade to the Tippett of the *Concerto for Double String Orchestra*.

The NCOS players, conducted by Adrian Leaper but inspired equally by the presence of the imminently octogenarian composer, excelled themselves. If they were less successful in the other two works, that may have been because neither was of a quality likely to encourage self-surpassing effort, though each had its merits.

James Antony Ellis, the NCOS's resident composer, himself conducted his *Two Images* for string orchestra, an idiomatic, explosive piece owing much to the textures of postwar Polish music and with a dramatically aggressive, extended, motoric coda. But idea and form did not seem quite to marry, at least on first acquaintance. And Barry Mitchell's Concerto for Wind Instruments, which had been selected for this performance by an SPNM panel, could not loosen itself from the shackles of neo-classical Stravinsky, and trod its path somewhat laboriously as it attempted to do so.

Stephen Pettitt

THEATRE

King Lear
Royal, Brighton

Although nobody could fairly compare Compass Theatre with the actor-managerial troupes of the past, the manifest purpose of Don Taylor's touring production is to supply a platform for Anthony Quayle's Lear.

It is late in the day to start weighing up the qualities of this indomitable artist. As an institutional force, his contribution over the past 40 years is incalculable. As an actor, though, he has never burst from the front rank into full heroic status. Some stubborn temperamental and vocal reserve, at odds with his massive physique, has always held him back from the emotional brink: and the doors of tragedy have slammed in his face.

So it is yet again in this latest attempt to break through them. Much of what you expect from Lear is not there: the warlord, the frenziedly enraged father, the titanic figure out-shouting the storm. What Quayle does achieve, though, is a focus on those aspects of the part that are within his range. Chief among these is his passion for Cordelia (Alexandra Mathie). Rejecting her is an act of love in which he can barely suppress his tears, and at the end he is insensible to everything except the body in his arms.

Anthony Quayle: a Lear who takes on the role of the Fool

In the journey between these two moments, he repeatedly finds ways of undercutting the climaxes: turning towering rage into senile bewilderment, high pathos into plain speech (which intensifies the pathetic effect), and taking on the role of the Fool in his meeting with the blind Gloucester. At his most powerful he seems to be heaving up simple expressions with great labour. "I gave you all", he says, with a chasm between every word, only to be met with fluently glib rejoinders from the two daughters.

They get no quarter from Kate O'Mara (Goneril) and Isla Blair (Regan): respectively a tyrant and a seductive sadist, they emerge from the start as monsters just hatched out. These are effective performances (Miss Blair's in particular) but out of keeping in a production that otherwise sets out to minimize Lear's hatred.

Elsewhere, too, there is a persistent lack of contact. The relationship between Tony Britton's gentlemanly Gloucester and his sons is underdeveloped; and, given Quayle's clown routine, there is no chance of sublimity in the reunion with Gloucester. As the Fool, Paul Copley delivers an elaborately worked out series of song-and-dance routines which tell you nothing of his relationship to his master, especially as he goes through the show wearing a dog mask. Individually there are some performances of power and intelligence: particularly Barry Stanton's volcanic Kent and Peter Woodward's vocally electrifying Edgar. As an ensemble, especially in Allan Watkins's Ruritanian costumes, they have yet to come together.

Irving Wardle

ROCK

Ben E. King
Palladium

Posterity demands that we record a list of the guests who joined Ben E. King on stage at the London Palladium on Monday evening in a climactic reprise of "Stand by Me", the soul ballad which he recorded in 1961 and which, thanks to its exposure in a television advertisement for Levi's jeans, now finds itself on top of the British charts.

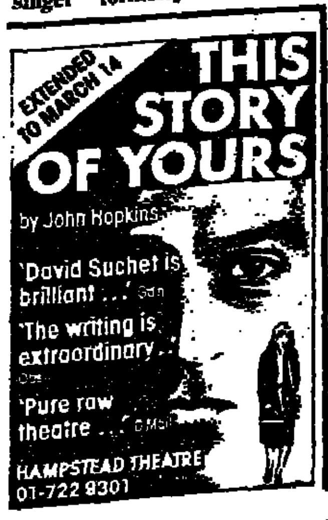
So here goes: Mick Hucknall, the fashionably dishevelled leader of Simply Red; Willy DeVille, the rake-thin singer formerly of Mink DeVille; Ron Wood, of the Rolling Stones; Simon Kirke, Bad Company's drummer; Madelaine Bell, the session singer; Bill Fredericks, of the Drifters; Mick Jones, of Foreigner; and John Paul Jones, once Led Zeppelin's bass-guitarist.

King is certainly worth the attention. As a prime beneficiary of the Brill Building song factory of the immediate pre-Beatles era, he plucked the fruit of such marvellous songwriting partnerships as Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman, whose "Save the Last Dance for Me" he recorded with the Drifters, and Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, who wrote "Stand by Me" with him and were responsible for the musical style — a version of uptown rhythm and blues tinged with Latin sophistication — that drew the best out of his suavely impassioned baritone and reached its peak with "Spanish Harlem", in which Leiber's lyric matched Phil Spector's melody with internal rhymes that unfurled and snapped like a matador's cape.

Clearly overjoyed to find himself embraced — however briefly — by a new generation, King spent an hour running through decent night-club versions of his best known songs, keeping himself on his toes by opting for Aretha Franklin's arrangement of "Don't Play that Song" and George Benson's recasting of "On Broadway" rather than the original treatments.

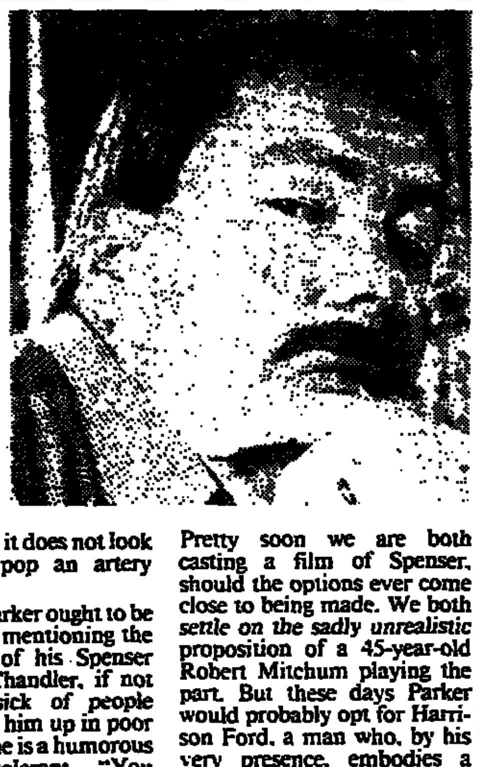
Guest stars apart, the magic moment came when King sang "When a Man Loves a Woman" in tribute to Percy Sledge, his contemporary and fellow beneficiary of the current Levi's campaign. Released for a moment from the tyranny of re-creating his own history, he burrowed inside the song's sanctified Southern-soul cadences and — perhaps reminded of his roots as a boy in Henderson, North Carolina, before he ever saw the neon lights of Broadway — showed himself still capable of greatness.

Richard Williams



Professor of the private eye

Robert B. Parker, the American crime writer whose *Taming a Seahorse* is just published, talks heavy to Chris Peachment



Parker: a humorous man, and tolerant

It was one of the mixed blocks where if Hyde Park Corner had the strength it would have become Knightsbridge, one of blocks that are not yet all Arab. The subject was easy to spot. He was a big man, but not more than two yards high in his socks. His shoulders were probably narrower than the axle of a beer-truck. He had enough chins for a fire-escape. And he was fat. Not fat like you or I get fat. He was fat like a weight-lifter gets fat. Hard fat. Mean fat. Fat like a punchbag that breaks your louckles. At 54 there may not seem much point to having 240 pounds under your belt and 18 inches under your collar, but I was not about to point this out, not to Robert B. Parker. That's with a B. He writes books about a gumshoe called Spenser, that's with an S, not a C. Like Marlowe, with an E, it is a literary joke. You will recall that Spenser with an S wrote *The Faerie Queen*.

That is how it is with these university professors of English, always joking. Parker, a one-time professor at Northeastern University, Massachusetts, gives his shamus Spenser more quotes than Hamlet. Funny though. Spenser might be jogging along Westwood Boulevard down to Le Conte in LA and the spring weather can prompt a thought like: He sent us this eternal spring, which here enamels everything. Which you and I know is Andrew Marvell, but it may well pass by the average book publisher slumming it with a thriller.

The professorship only ever was a safety-net while Parker embarked on his own writing, and after four Spenser books he was sufficiently well set up to resign the post. "I stay at home good", he says. "I write a steady five pages a day. And I work strictly to my original outline, so the thing won't run away with me." It strikes me that a 300-pound diva with cymbals on her chest could not run away with this man. He lifts weights for an hour every day, and it does not look like he will pop an artery doing it.

By rights, Parker ought to be sick of people mentioning the clear lineage of his Spenser books from Chandler, if not even more sick of people trying to write him up in poor pastiche. But he is a humorous man, and tolerant. "You would be very remiss not to raise the point." But while the books are written in that familiar style of snappy similes, and dialogue that can make you sweat with pleasure, Spenser is a rather different sort of hawkshaw from Marlowe. While Marlowe lived in the sad and dangerous city of the imagination, Spenser runs five miles before breakfast. He worries over the moral problems of shooting people, he has a black friend called Hawk, and he is understanding about the problems that affect women these days. Very modern is our Spenser.

His ancestry, however is as old as the hills. *A Catskill Eagle* (a phrase from Melville) finds him pursuing his captured girlfriend across the vast and awful wilderness of America, even beneath the ground, much like any Arthurian knight on his quest. Parker reckons that the line runs on down from the Grail legends through the American cowboy to the modern private eye. They are people who wished to escape the confines of civilization, break out in search of that Garden from which we all came, and live outside the law. Not surprisingly Parker's favourite movie of all time is *Shane*. "I never thought I'd say that about anything which starred Alan Ladd, but there it is. The critic Robert Warshow said 'The myth of the West was frozen for ever in the immobility of Alan Ladd's countenance'. And it was, at that."

Movie talk always seems to lead on to more movie talk, and here is no exception. Pretty soon we are both casting a film of Spenser, should the options ever come close to being made. We both settle on the sadly unrealistic proposition of a 45-year-old Robert Mitchum playing the part. But these days Parker would probably opt for Harrison Ford, a man who, by his very presence, embodies a certain moral quality of decency and honesty, much as Gary Cooper did in the old days. "Of course he's a little weedy", says Parker. "But we could soon train him up. Get him lifting weights, put on 30 pounds or so."

Hawk, the black friend, and one of the most truly frightening people in the books, would have to be Woody Strode. "Hawk is frightening because he doesn't seem to have any feelings. He is never sad, never happy, never any different. And he can shoot people without qualms, unlike Spenser. The only discernable trait is a loyalty to both Spenser and his girlfriend, Susan. That much is unswerving." He is such an original and intriguing character that one wants to know the inspiration for him. "No one. I imagined him completely", says Parker. "But I'm a liberal. I know some Blacks."

There is already a television series in the States called *Spenser for Hire*, over which Parker has consultancy rights but no power. "They let me look at their scripts. I used to work hard on them, trying to improve them. Then I was reduced to writing 'Eeek' on the fly-page. Now I think that 'This sucks' would be the only possible response." It is an old and familiar tale, remembering all the famous writers who went to Hollywood, Chandler included, and watched their work being butchered. Like the sensible ones such as Hemingway, Parker does not repine, neither does he complain. He takes the money and runs. Down the mean streets, five miles every day no doubt.

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LONDON DEBUTS

The soprano **Melanie Armitstead** makes a striking lieder-singer, and probably much of her impact relates to her experience on the operatic stage. This is a big and rich voice that was able to adapt with ease from the stentorian blast of Britten's "Let the florid music praise" to the subtler charms of Fauré.

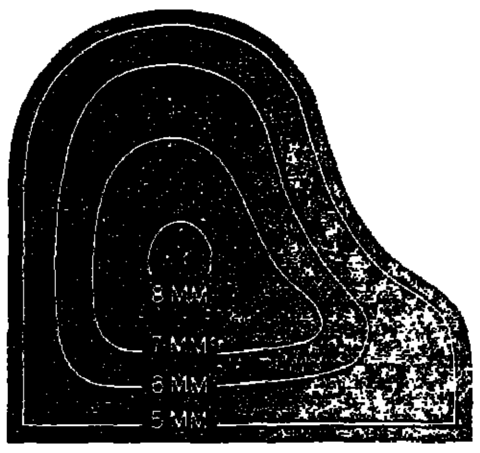
A faultless legato combined with a beguilingly smoky timbre in the lower register suggest that Miss Armitstead has the makings of an outstanding singer. My only reservations were that she was not over-generous in communicating the lyrics to her audience.

The expatriate Soviet violinist **Nelli Shkolnikova** won an international competition in 1953, so she can hardly be counted an inexperienced player. Her attributes are very much those of the instrumentalist — her sonority in double-stopping passages could be the envy of many famous fiddlers.

Musically speaking she has a solid good taste, and yet was not able to indulge in those flights of fantasy that are necessary to bring the middle movement of Beethoven's "Kreutzer" Sonata to life: its variation form proved to be regrettably static.

The baritone **John Oakley-Tucker** was far from well, and perhaps should not have undertaken his lieder recital. However, despite the coughs and rather corpse-like delivery, one could hear a thoughtful and vocally well-equipped singer at work. The more solemn numbers from Schumann's *Dichterliebe* had that brooding power that makes a voice memorable. Metrically his singing may be a little bound by the bar-lines, but he fully deserves to make a respectable career in this genre.

James Methuen-Campbell



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FT-SE 100
1998.3 (+15.2)

Bargains
46347 (52617)

USM (Datastream)
152.47 (−0.52)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5625 (same)

W German mark
2.8672 (+0.0047)

Trade-weighted
70.6 (−0.1)

Tottenham share stake sold

One of the biggest shareholders — and supporters — of Tottenham Hotspur, the only quoted football club on the Stock Exchange, has sold half his stake. Mr Isadore Brown, a New Jersey-based property tycoon, has sold 450,000 shares reducing his stake to 805,000, or 8.7 per cent.

Mr Brown has been keen on having a seat on the board *although this has been resisted* by the other directors. The Spurs shares — which have never traded above the 100p price they were sold to the public — were 86p last night.

L&N future in balance

The future of the London and Northern group, currently fighting off a £90 million bid from Demerger Two Corporation, was yesterday back in the melting pot.

The Demerger bid, which needs 90 per cent acceptances from L and N shareholders, looked to be heading for failure. Yesterday Evered Holdings, run by the Abdullah brothers, Raschid and Osman, declared a 14.99 per cent stake in L and N. The City fears an *Evered counter-bid*.

Units listing

Perpetual, the unit trust group, intends to seek a Stock Exchange listing by way of a *25 per cent placing of its* issued share capital. Cazenove will sponsor the issue. Perpetual's funds under management exceed £500 million.

No referral

The acquisition of American Aggregates Corp by Consolidated Goldfields will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Tap sold out

Supplies of the £400 million issue of 2 per cent Treasury index-linked stock due 1992 were exhausted in early trading yesterday.

STC success

STC, the telecommunications and computer group, turned an £11.4 million loss into a £134.2 million pretax profit last year. The dividend payout for the year is 4.5p a share.

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BP Oil up

BP Oil, the UK marketing and refining arm of British Petroleum, raised its pretax operating profit on a replacement cost basis to £182 million in 1986, compared with £66 million in 1985.

No dividend

Dares Estates has again passed its *dividend* after announcing trading profits of £1.11 million in 1986, up from £1.01 million, and pretax profits of £747,000, up from £12,000.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York Dow Jones	2228.07 (+7.60)*
Tokyo Nikkei Dow	20971.39 (+37.57)
Hong Kong: Hang Seng	2939.05 (+44.79)
Amsterdam: Gen.	262.6 (−1.7)
Sydney: AO	1615.6 (−7.3)
Frankfurt: Commerzbank	n.a
Brussels: General	4214.38 (+12.27)
Paris: CAC	438.4 (+3.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	522.10 (−2.6)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	88.21 (−0.18)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 10 9/16-10⅜%
3-month eligible bills: 10 3/16-1/16%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6 3/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.51-5.50%*
30-year bonds 100 11/32-100%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5625	£: $1.5595*
£: DM2.8672	$: DM1.8327*
£: SwFr2.4133	$: SwFr1.5435*
£: FFr9.5273	$: FFr6.0985*
£: Yen239.84	$: Yen153.63*
£: Index:70.6	$: Index:104.0
ECU £n.a	SDR £0.812732

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Mitchell Somers	185p (+35p)
British Aerospace	675p (+20p)
Crystalate	292p (+16p)
STC	268p (+25p)
Coloroll Group	329p (+15p)
Parry Group	206p (+25p)
Unilever	2593p (+43p)
News Intnl.	2700p (+50p)
Blagden	170p (+18p)
Delyn Packaging	315p (+10p)
General Accident	1030p (+18p)
FALLS:	
Birmid	240p (−13p)
Evered Holdings	252p (−10p)
Fife Indmar	73p (−20p)
Underwoods	219p (−22p)
Fisons	623p (−20p)
Wellcome	442p (−21p)
Johnstone's Paint	145p (−33p)
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Cable & Wireless	345p (−18p)

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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr) pm $16.50 bbl($15.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

Detergent group reports 20 per cent rise in returns

Unilever beats billion profits

By Ray Heath

Strong trading in the last quarter of 1986 took profits of the Unilever fats, foods and detergents group through the *£1 billion* level last year. In the financial year to end-December, the group's profits rose 20 *per cent from £953 million* to a record £1.143 billion.

Analysts were forecasting that the company could be almost half-way to the second billion in the present year. The stock market also welcomed the group's decision to split the heavyweight shares through a one-for-five sub*division* and an increase in the dividend from 38.62p a share to 50.17p. The shares jumped 70p to £26.20.

The profit increase came from a much smaller percentage rise in turnover — at £17.140 billion it was only 3 per cent ahead of 1986 if exchange rate gains are included. Using constant exchange rates, turnover was down 4 per cent.

Both the *profit improvement* and the slowing in the rate of turnover reflected Unilever's restructuring programme.

Sales volume was up 5 per cent, said Mr Michael Angus, the chairman, but the reduction in value on a constant exchange rate basis reflected the effect of disposals as well as a drop in some prices.

Mr Angus said Unilever had made considerable progress towards its strategic objective *of strengthening its core activities* and increasing efficiency and innovation.

"Restructuring has been costly, but profitability of the business is much improved and more securely based," *said Mr Angus, who took over* as chairman last year.

Continued reorganization of the food business in Britain held back operating profits of the group here, but in Europe stronger currencies and falls in the prices of tea and raw material costs of oils and fats helped to push operating profits up from £521 million to £634 million.

In North America, the rate *of growth was much slower,* with profits up only £6 million to £114 million.

This was partly the result of Unilever's drive into the household products market. It has been aggressively marketing its Surf washing liquids and powders in the US and now reckons to be second to Procter & Gamble in the market. But with the cost of launching a new product across America reckoned to be between $100 million (£65 *million*) and $150 million, it has been an *expensive* exercise. But the company is sure that once established, the marketing costs will swiftly be recouped.

The figures do not include any contribution from the US Chesebrough-Ponds Vaseline and skin-care products group, which Unilever bought for $3.1 billion in December. However, a fall in net interest costs from £71 million to £32 million was partly caused by the build-up of liquid funds to more than £1 billion ahead of the takeover.

Mr Angus appears confident that he can offset much *of the cost of Chesebrough* by selling off its Stauffer chemical divsion for more than the $1.25 billion it paid in 1985.

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Restructuring pays off: Michael Angus, Unilever chairman

Kuwaitis buy petrol network for £50m

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Ultramar has sold its network of British petrol stations in a £50 million deal to the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation as part of KPC's plan to acquire up to 7 per cent of the *United Kingdom* petrol market.

Kuwait already holds just *under 2 per cent of the British* market through the acquisition of the Pace, Sadler and Roberts chains, and the acquisition of the 465 Ultramar outlets will practically double that, giving it outlets in the London area. It already has a network in the Southwest and North-east.

Ultramar's 190 sales and marketing staff involved in the chain will transfer to KPC *and there will be no job losses.*

The Kuwait corporation has 2 per cent of the continental European market through its acquisition of the former Gulf refining and marketing network and is now actively promoting its Q8 brand name. It has been on the lookout for a suitable takeover candidate in Britain for some time, but has refused to be drawn into several deals because they included the purchase of a refinery.

Its retail chain will be *supplied* by existing UK refineries operated by other oil companies, or from the Rotterdam product spot market where it has strong links.

Although profitable, the Ultramar marketing operation has not fitted well with the company's mainstream businesses, which are centred on Canada and Indonesia *where* it has substantial natural gas developments, supplying liquefied gas to the Japanese market.

Mr Lloyd Bensen, the Ultramar chairman, said yesterday that the marketing operation was now performing very well.

"We received a good offer from the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation who will benefit *from* using the Ultramar marketing activities and personnel to reinforce their base *for* further expansion in the UK market," he added.

Bank steps in to curb pound rise

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Bank of England intervened in the foreign exchange market yesterday to restrain the rising pound. After the intervention, sterling stabilized and by the official close of trading, the exchange rate index was 0.1 below the previous close at 70.6.

Intervention to restrain sterling came the day after the *Bank was forced for the* second time to discourage a cut in interest rates by lending to the discount houses at a penal rate. Although most traders now expect a cut in interest rates to be postponed until after the Budget, money market rates eased further, with three-month interbank rates falling ⅛ per cent to 10½ per cent. At this level market rates are consistent with a ½ point cut in base rates.

The Bank's intervention followed statements by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, in Paris after the meeting of the Group of Six that he does not want to see a fall *in sterling,* nor a substantial rise.

Some traders were speculating yesterday that the Chancellor's evident wish to postpone a cut in interest rates until after the Budget might imply relatively little action on borrowing in the Budget.

Mr Mike Osborne of *Kleinwort* Grieveson said: "This does raise a suspicion that a little more of the £5 *billion fiscal adjustment may* be used to cut taxation."

Sterling was further helped by a rise in Britain's reserves of gold and foreign currency. The underlying increase last month was better than expected at $287 million, leaving total reserves at $22,257 million (£14,392 million).

Sterling's exchange rate index rose over the month from 68.4 to 69.9, enabling the Bank to *take in some* foreign currencies. Over the past 4 months, the reserves have risen by an underlying $490 million, going some way to offset the fall in the previous 4 months of $1.185 billion.

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Cambridge back at last

Cambridge Instruments, the international precision instruments group, is to return to the stock market for a full *listing after* an absence of nearly 20 years.

Plans for a full quote for the group were shelved at very short notice in 1985 owing to the collapse of the electronics sector. After the flotation, which is planned for this month, the group is expected to be capitalized at about £100 million.

The shares being sold will be mainly new ones. Current estimates suggest that around £30 million will be raised. More than half of the money *raised will be used to repay* the group's debts of about £15 million and to repurchase preference shares.

The company was first listed in 1959 before being taken over in the 1960s. By the 1970s, however, the business was in difficulties and owes much to the support of the Government-backed National Enterprise Board.

US-European trade

$1.3bn coup for Airbus

From Bailey Morris
Washington

American Airlines yesterday announced it would place a $1.3 billion (£84 million) order with Airbus Industrie for 25 wide-bodied aircraft in a deal likely to provoke a strong response from the US Congress.

The A320 on its maiden flight last month

The order is considered an important victory for Europe's Airbus consortium, which has escalated its competition with US aircraft manufacturers to gain a greater foothold in the lucrative US market.

American Airlines said it would split a $2.5 billion order — for 25 Airbus A300-600 aircraft and 15 Boeing 767-300 aircraft — between Airbus and Boeing to gain better prices and conditions from the competing manufacturers.

Other airlines are likely to pursue similar arrangements in deals that would not only boost Airbus sales but increase the potential for the European consortium to compete against McDonnall-Douglas in marketing a new generation of planes to US airlines.

American Airlines said it had structured the deal on unusually good terms, allowing it to order the planes on a "lease to buy" arrangement. This gives it the opportunity to back out of the purchase agreement on short notice if certain conditions are not met and to contain costs.

Trade tensions have escalated sharply *in response to* the tough line taken by the Reagan Administration in an attempt to reduce Airbus's ability to launch a new long-range, wide-bodied aircraft, the A340, in direct competition with the McDonnell-Douglas MD-11.

McDonnell-Douglas has lobbied *Congress and the* Administration to take action against Airbus for offering what it alleges are illegal subsidies to boost sales of the A340. Britain, France, West *Germany and Spain* have been equally determined to fight any action that would *harm Airbus.*

Channon hits out at protectionism

Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, met top US officials yesterday to deliver Britain's *strong concern over renewed* US protectionist trends.

Mr Channon raised Government concern over tensions in agriculture, trade and the Airbus Industrie negotiations.

The Reagan Administration has softened its line in the Airbus talks but officials said they feared tensions could reignite on the American Air*lines Airbus order.*

British officials said they would fight any attempts by *the* Administration to curtail Airbus sales in the US market. "We think it unconscionable that US manufacturers, who control 86 per cent of the world market, are trying to take it all," said one official.

The primary purpose of Mr Channon's two-day trip, however, was to discuss trade matters with US officials marking up new legislation containing protectionist proposals which could harm British and European exports.

Mr Channon told Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary and Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US trade representative, that the best place to resolve these issues was in the new Gatt trade round. These multilateral trade talks must be allowed to move forward on a broad front on agriculture but both sides would have to make important concessions for them to succeed, he said.

Ceramic forced to sell Birmid shares

By Michael Tate

The Takeover Panel has forced Hepworth Ceramic to *sell more than half of its 10.2* per cent shareholding in Birmid Qualcast, because, in acquiring the shares, Hepworth's stockbroker, Hoare Govett, broke takeover rules.

The 3.5 million shares, representing 5.3 per cent of the Birmid share capital, and costing close to £9 million, were acquired on February 23 and 24, after an announcement by Hepworth that dis*cussions were taking place* with Birmid.

The shares were purchased *from Hoare Govett Securities,* an exempt market-maker during what was deemed to be an offer period, and such deals *are not* permitted.

Rule 38.2 of the Takeover Code states: "An offeror and persons acting in concert with it must not deal as principals with an exempt market-maker connected with the offeror in relevant securities of the offeree company during the offer period."

In its statement yesterday the Panel said that it had accepted Hoare Govett's *explanation that these brea*ches arose from an oversight

News of the forced sale *clipped 7p off the Birmid* share price to 244p.

Mitchell to merge with MCP

The unspecified bid ap*proach for the engineering* company Mitchell Somers was revealed yesterday as a merger with the private concern MCP Building Supplies.

The merger is being effected by means of an offer from Eagle Trust, the former Audiotronic Group, now effectively a shell company.

The terms of the offer are 11 new Eagle shares for every Mitchell unit with a cash alternative of 165p per share.

The share swap offer values Mitchell shares at 228p and the whole company at about £37 million. For every share in MCP, 40 Eagle shares are being offered, putting a value of £37.4 million on MCP.

Fisons in 18% rise to £85m

By Alexandra Jackson

Fisons, the pharmaceuticals and scientific instruments group, reported the sixth successive year of profits growth yesterday when it published annual pretax profits to the end of December 1986 up 18 per cent at £85.1 million.

However, a flurry of profit-taking in the sector left the shares down 19p at 624p.

Turnover rose from £646.7 million to £702.6 million. Earnings per share increased by 13 *per* cent to 27.2p and a net dividend of 3.95p was declared making a total of 6.5p for the year. Fisons' return on capital employed improved from 23.9 per cent to 25.5 per cent. There is a one-for-one scrip issue.

Tilade, Fisons' newest anti-asthma drug, was launched on the British general practitioners' market at the beginning of this year, having been made available to hospital specialists last September.

Mr John Kerridge, chairman and chief executive of Fisons, *said* that it was too early to put any meaningful figures on Tilade sales but that *the feedback* was very encouraging.

Tilade registration details have been submitted with several European authorities and in the US. Fisons is hopeful of approval for its drug in West Germany in the next few months but is not expecting to get the go-ahead in *the* US until next year at the earliest. There are no indications at this stage of Tilade's *launch timing in Japan.*

Tilade is complementary to Fisons' successful anti-asthma drug, Intal, which together with related products accounts for about two-thirds of the group's pharmaceuticals business. City analysts are expecting Tilade to contribute sales of £200 million and profits of £55 million by the end of the decade.

Although not the largest of *Fisons' divisions in terms of* sales, the pharmaceuticals division is the group's most profitable activity. In 1986, it accounted for 36 per cent of group turnover but 61 per cent of activity profits.

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Coffee hits five-year low

By Colin Narbrough

Raw coffee prices nosedived yesterday after exporters and importers *failed to find* a formula for ending over-supply on the world market. Shop *prices, however, are* unlikely to show any early response.

In spite of a 72-hour extension, an emergency session of the International Coffee Organization's full council ended on Monday night without achieving its goal of re-introducing export quotas to help halt declining prices.

Producer nations, including debt-strapped countries such as Brazil, had sought the *meeting to prevent erosion of* their foreign earnings. They predict further price falls could cost them £2 billion in lost earnings this year.

Failure to agree on quotas, suspended a year ago due to drought in *Brazil*, coincided with a visit to London by Senhor Dilson Funaro, the *Brazilian Finance Minister,* explaining his country's suspension of interest payments on £68 billion of debt.

Robusta coffee for May delivery plummeted £230 in London yesterday to £1,270 per tonne, its lowest since September 1982. In New York, dealers reported "panic *selling.*" A calmer voice was heard from some European roasters. Although the market *was generally oversupplied,* good qualities were still in short supply, they noted.

Brazil and the United States blamed each other for the collapse of the talks. The US said most producers, led by Brazil, were not ready to negotiate a new distribution of quotas based on "objective criteria" for measuring their ability to supply the market — a central consumer demand.

Under the old system , Brazil had 30 per cent of the world quota of 58 million 60kg bags, but producers proposed cutting Brazil's share to 28.8 per cent.

General Foods, owner of Maxwell House instant coffee, noted that shelf prices had been virtually unchanged for more than 12 months, thanks to the trade's efforts to iron out cost fluctuations, and price *changes* may *take* months to filter through.

Underwoods price slides as talks fail

By Cliff Feltham

The shares of Underwoods, the chain of chemist shops, fell *sharply on the stock market* yesterday after takeover talks with Woolworth appeared to have broken down.

The companies said that after exploratory discussions "it has not currently been possible to agree a basis for a recommended offer." Neither side would say whether this meant a *takeover had been* abandoned, although market dealers concluded that Wool*worth had walked away from* the deal and accordingly wiped 22p off the Underwoods shares, leaving them at 219p.

Woolworth has been keen to buy Underwoods in order to expand the chain of 40 shops from the south east into a nationwide group of more than 400 outlets and to add an additional sector to its business.

But throughout the negotiations, Woolworth has made it clear it would not be prepared to pay over the odds — and apparently baulked at one *suggestion that Underwoods* felt it was worth in excess of 300p a share, valuing the business at more than £80 million. This compares with *the £49 million price when it* was floated in November 1985.

It is understood the Woolworth board now feels it is time for a cooling off period *but the chances of a resumption* of talks looked slim last night.

Meanwhile, the Stock Exchange is still investigating the sharp rise in the Underwoods *share price last Friday which* prompted the announcement that talks were under way.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Plaxtons pays £8.3m for Kirkby Group

The terms have been finalised of the acquisition for £8.5 million of Britain's largest coach dealer, the Kirkby Group, by Plaxtons (GB). The deal will leave the owners of Kirkby with a 28.4 per cent stake in the enlarged group. Royal Bank Development, a large shareholder in Kirkby, will have 7.1 per cent. The purchase price will consist of £4.8 million in shares, valued at 83.5p each, £1.24 million in cash, £1.96 million in loan notes and £500,000 in convertible loan stock.

Existing shareholders in Plaxtons will be invited to subscribe for 2.65 million of new shares at 83p to raise £2.2 million.

Buyout at EJ Allen

The management of EJ Allen, the engineering contractor, has bought out the company for £439,000. Mr John Sullivan, the managing director, who has 60 per cent of the equity, said yesterday that the company, based at Chalton, near Luton, Bedfordshire, hoped to expand its 130 staff by an extra 60 next month.

Ironbridge for British Steel

Ironbridge, the second of two 170,000-tonne bulk carriers built by Harland & Wolff for lease to the British Steel Corporation, was named at Belfast yesterday by Mrs Joan Scholey, wife of Mr Bob Scholey, the BSC chairman. After sea trails next week the ship will be handed over to Lloyds Leasing, and go into BSC service.

Sharp rise at Crowther

John Crowther, the Yorkshire textiles group, more than doubled its profits in 1986, from £7.13 million to £14.83 million. The dividend is lifted from 2p a share to 3.5p, with a final payment of 2.5p. All four divisions contributed to the increase in profits on turnover up from £114.9 million £224.6 million. Earnings per share rose to 15.7p from 10.4p.

Crowther has agreed to pay about £1.13 million in cash for a half share in Homfray Carpets Unit Trust, an Australian carpets business.

Options trade tops million

Volume in the traded options market reached a new record last month with the total number of options contracts traded rising above the one million mark for the first time. A total of 1,061,125 contracts were traded, the volume being boosted by the introduction of options in the shares of British Airways on February 11. Options trading begins in Sears today and in Plessey on March 19.

£6m profits for Blagden

Profits of Blagden Industries, the steel drum and chemical manufacturer, climbed from £4,161,000 to £6,043,000 in 1986, but this is before provisions of £1,739,000 for losses incurred on the sale of the plastics injection business at at Billericay in Essex. The dividend rises from 5.286p to 7.2p, with a final payment of 3.7p. Blagden shares rose 19p to 171p.

More training urged

Companies need to plan their recruitment more strategically and increase training to make the best use of information technology, says the Institute of Manpower Studies.

There is evidence that many companies compile their graduate recruitment plans from information gleaned from individual managers on a year-to-year basis, without planning ahead, Mrs Helen Connor, a research fellow at IMS, said. Larger companies are showing volatility in the numbers of graduates they employ, but many smaller companies are hiring people with higher education, she added.

STOCK MARKET

Guinness falls as profits are taken by speculators

By Michael Clark

There has been plenty of speculative money riding on a bid for **Guinness**, the beleaguered drinks group, over the past week, but it looks as though much of the shrewd money has used it as an opportunity to take profits.

Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, has been a big seller of Guinness this week after downgrading its profit estimate for the 15 months to December, 1986 by £35 million to £310 million compared with £241 million for the previous 12 months.

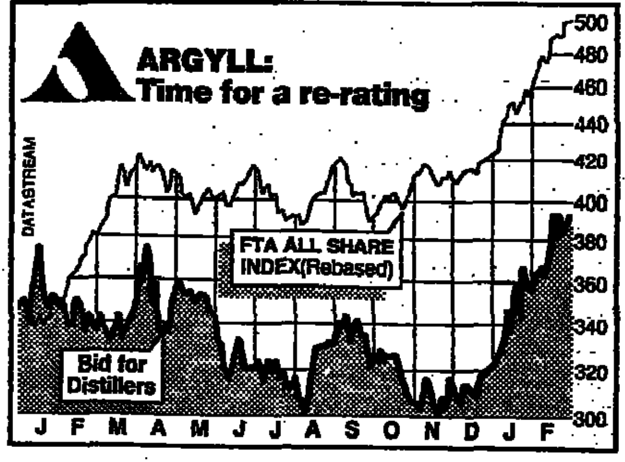
Mr Victor MacColl, a leading brewery analyst at Kleinwort, is convinced that the new management team may opt for some drastic action after the events of the past few months. He says: "They will want to write off as much as they can as quick as they can."

Mr MacColl, also a patriotic Scot who welcomed the £2.1 billion takeover of Distillers, does not believe that Guinness has been taking recent bid speculation too seriously. He thought that it would be unlikely for the Government to give an overseas buyer the go-ahead to make a bid. He said: "It would lead to the third Jacobite rebellion if they try to sell it to a foreigner."

In the past week, Anheuser-Busch, the world's biggest brewer, Seagrams, the North American drinks company and Elders IXL, the Australian brewery, have all been tipped as possible predators. There has also been some evidence that a mystery buyer is attempting to build up a near 5 per cent stake.

But Mr MacColl is unimpressed with all this speculative froth and maintains that Kleinwort is still an underlying supporter on the basis that Guinness is a "pretty good company."

This year will see the first full contribution from Distillers, but Mr MacColl has already trimmed his estimate from £450 million to £420 million.



The shares of Guinness ran into a few profit-takers yesterday and were down by at least 4p at one stage, before rallying to close a net 1p lower at 327p on a reduced turnover of 5 million shares. Around 5 per cent of the company has changed hands in the past few days. But dealers are convinced that it could be a tense ride for the speculators, wanting to see the price above 350p and still betting on a bid.

Godfrey Davis, the Ford main dealer, lost an early 8p lead yesterday to close 7p lower at 175p as hopes of a bid from rival T Cowie evaporated. The rumours "are bordering on the farcical," says Mr Tom Cowie, chairman. Dealers say it would take an offer of at least 240p a share to guarantee success.

The rest of the drinks sector was in good form, hoping for a good run-up to the Budget following some bullish noises earlier this week from Wood Mackenzie, the influential Scottish broker. The proposed tax cuts and increases in duty in line with inflation could be be good news for the brewers who have been left behind by the recent bull market.

Bass continued to hit new heights, with a rise of 12p to 912p — making a three-day gain of 56p. Rises were also seen in the other big four brewers with **Allied-Lyons** up 2p at 380p, **Grand Metropolitan**, the Truman and Watney Mann group, 6p to 514p, ahead of next week's annual meeting. **Whitbread** "A" 5p to 325p and **Scottish & Newcastle**, where there are also whispers of a bid from Anheuser- Busch, 1.5p to 246.5p.

Attempts by the rest of the equity market to surge through the magical 2,000 barrier received a setback first thing after a lacklustre performance overnight on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index opened lower in early trading and continued to drift throughout the morning session as profit-taking again took its toll. But a firmer opening on Wall Street yesterday and the appearance of a few cheap buyers enabled prices to produce a creditable performance after hours. The "footsie" eventually closed 11.3 up at 1,994.4, having been 14.2 down earlier.

The FT index of top 30 shares also recovered some of its composure and was a net 3.7 down at 1,600.8 at 4 pm, after displaying a loss of 12 points at about mid-morning.

Profit-taking also took some of the steam out of Government securities despite another confident performance by the pound on the foreign exchanges and evidence of renewed overseas interest. Gains of up to £½ at the longer end were eventually replaced with falls of £⅛ by the close.

Argyll Group's acquisition of the Safeway supermarket chain last month for £600 million has put it in good stead with the City. Several brokers have recently published bullish circulars on the company and yesterday it was the turn of Scrimgeour Vickers, whose strong retailing team reckons the shares are overdue for a re-rating.

Mr Philip Dorgan, an analyst at Scrimgeour, has just completed a projection of profits from 1987 to 1990 and is looking for compound annual growth of 28 per cent after stripping out what remains of the drinks business, which he believes will be sold off before the year-end.

He says: "There is an awful lot more to go in the shares for investors. The group has outstanding earnings potential over the next few years."

Shares of the leading drug manufacturers took another drubbing as the fear surrounding the growing Aids epidemic showed signs of abating. Once again the appearance of a few cheap buyers enabled prices to close above their worst levels of the day.

Travis & Arnold, the builder's merchant, firmed 1p to a new high of 297p yesterday. There is talk that rival Steetley has turned its attention to Travis & Arnold following the failure of its abortive merger with Nottingham Brick before Christmas. Steetley lost 6p to 562p.

Wellcome, which is said to be leading the fight against Aids with its new drug, Retrovir, tumbled by 22p to 440p, after 437p, while falls were also seen in **Reckitt & Colman** 20p to £10.45, **Smith & Nephew** 1.5p to 161.5p and **Glaxo** 1p to £15.70 after fluctuating between £15.75 and £15.60.

Fisons lost 17p to 626p after details of the one-for-one scrip issue and an increase in pretax profits for 1986 from £72.3 million to £85.1 million.

Birmid, the lawnmower manufacturer and Potterton gas boiler group, fell 9p to 244p as hopes of a bid from **Hepworth Ceramic** finally evaporated. Both sides had been locked in talks last week, but failed to agree a price.

Hepworth yesterday reduced its 10 per cent stake to just under the disclosable 5 per cent level after selling 3.5 million shares in the market. Hepworth firmed 2p to 218p.

● **FRANKFURT:** Shares closed narrowly higher in quiet carnival trading. The Commerzbank index stood at 1,713.9, compared with 1,723.5 on Friday. The index was not compiled on Monday as the Düsseldorf exchange was closed because of the holiday.

● **TOKYO:** Prices rose on heavy volume to close at a record, despite late-afternoon profit-taking. Publicity about Aids-related shares and confirmation of a big oil strike in the South China Sea sparked an early wave of speculative buying. The Nikkei Dow Jones index rose from 20,933.82 to 20,971.39.

WALL STREET

Oil price hopes help Dow in early trading

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares turned mixed in moderate, early trading – Exxon and Chevron helped boost the blue chip average as traders speculated that oil prices would move up, buoyed by overseas buying. The broader market remained weak.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 3.24 points to 2,223.71 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 2.06 to 942.10 and the utilities average up 0.17 to 216.71.

The broader-based Standard & Poor's 500 share index rose 0.64 to 283.64 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 0.31 to 161.89.

Declining shares were leading advancing issues by a six-five margin on volume of more than 44 million shares.

Exxon rose 1¼ to 79⅞ and Chevron ⅞ to 49¾ in early deals.

Royal Dutch Petroleum was up 1⅛ to 103⅛ and Atlantic Richfield 1⅜ to 67¼.

	Mar 2	Feb 27
AMR Cp	59¾	59
ASA	43½	43¾
Aetna Life	66¾	67½
Allied Signal	45½	46
Allis Chalm	3¾	3¾
Alcoa	41	41
Amax Inc	17¼	17¾
AMR Hess	27¼	27¾
Am Brands	49¾	50¾
Am Can	102¾	103
Am Cynmd	94½	94¾
Am Ele Pwr	29½	29½
Amex	75¾	74
Am Home	86¾	87
Am Motors	3¾	3½
Am Stand	48½	48¾
Am Teleph	22¾	22½
Amoco Cp.	70¾	71½
Armco Steel	8¾	8¾
Asarco Inc	21	20¾
Ashland Oil	63¾	62½
Atl Richfld	65¾	67
Avon Prod	29¾	30
Bk Boston	31¾	31¾
Bank NY	40½	40
Bankamer	11¾	11¾
Bkrs Tst NY	49¾	48½
Beth Steel	8¾	8¾
Boeing	53½	54¾
Boise Casc	74¾	75½
Borden	56½	57¾
Borg Warnr	42¼	42¾
Brist Myer	99	100¾
BP	49¾	49
Brunswick	41¾	41¼
Burl Ind	47	46¾
Burl Nth	66½	66
CBS	157¾	161
CPC Int	47¾	48¾
CSX Cp	32¾	32¾
Cmpbell Sp	62¾	62¾
Can Pacific	18¾	18¾
Caterpillar	45¾	45¾
Centrl SW	35¾	35½
Champion	36¾	36¾
Chase Man.	38¾	38¼
Chem NY	45¾	46¾
Chevron	48¾	49½
Chrysler	48¾	47¾
Citicorp	53½	53¾
Clark Eq	23¾	23½
Coca Cola	45	45
Colgate	45¾	46¼
Columb Gas	48¾	48¾
Cmb'tn Eng	39¼	39¾
Cmwlth Edi	37¼	37¾
Cons Edis	45	45
Cn Nat Gas	37¾	37¾
Cons Pwr	17¾	17¾
Cont Data	27¾	28¾
Corning Gl	59	59¾
Crane	45¼	42¾
Curtiss Wrt	59¾	59¾
Data Genl	35¾	35½
Deere Co	29¾	29¾
Delta Airl	64	63
Detroit Edi	18½	18¾
Digital Eq	153¾	153½
Disney	58¾	59¾
Dow Chem	76¾	77¾
Dresser Ind	24¾	25¼
Dupont	100	100
Duke Pwr	47¾	47½
East Kodak	75¾	77
Eaton Cp	84½	82¾
Emerson El	102¾	104¾
Emery Air	13¼	12½
Exxon	78¾	78¾
Fed Dpt Sts	94¾	95¾

	Mar 2	Feb 27
Firestone	35¼	37
Fst Chicago	32¼	31¾
Fst Int Bncp	56¾	57
Fst Penn C	10¾	10¼
FT Wachva	44¾	43¾
Ford Motor	77¾	76¾
GAF Cp	45	45¾
GTE Cp	40¾	40¾
Gen Cp	79¾	77¾
Gn Dynam	76	78¾
Gen Elect	103¾	103¾
Gen Inst	25	25¼
Gen Mills	51¾	50¾
Gen Motors	74¾	74¾
Gen Pub Ut	25¾	25¾
Genesco	4¾	4¾
Georgia Pac	46¾	47¾
Gillette	58¾	58½
Goodrich	54	55
Goodyear	52½	52¾
Gould Inc	18¾	19¾
Grace Co	54¾	53¾
Grt Atl Pac	28	29
Greyhnd	35¾	35¾
Gruman	30¾	30¾
Gulf & West	80¾	81¼
Heinz	46¾	47¾
Hercules	61¾	64½
Hewlett Pk	54	54½
Honeywell	68¾	68¾
IC Ind	28	28¾
ITT Cp	63¼	62¾
INCO	15¾	15¾
Ingersoll	76¾	77
Inland Steel	23¾	24¾
IBM	138¾	138¾
Int Paper	90¾	90
Irving Bk	50¾	50½
Jhsn & Jhsn	85¾	86¾
K Mart Cp	57¾	57¾
Kaiser Alum	17¼	17
Kerr McGee	30¾	30¾
Kimbl Clark	107¾	107¼
Kroger	33	33¾
LTV Cp	2¾	2¼
Litton	86¾	87¾
Lockheed	52½	52¾
Lucky Str	29¾	29¾
Man H'nver	45¾	45¾
Manville	2¾	2¾
Mapco	61½	61¾
Marine Mid	52¾	52½
Mt Marieta	46¾	46¾
Masco	36¾	36¼
Mcdonalds	75¾	76¾
McDonnell	77¾	77¾
Mead Cp	65¾	66¾
Merck	155	154½
Minsta Mng	127¾	127¾
Mobil	42¼	42¾
Monsanto	76¾	76¾
Morgan Jp	46	45¾
Motorola	48¾	49¾
NCR	64¾	65¾
NL Indstrs	6¾	6¾
Nat Distill	59¾	59¾
Nat Md Ent	27¾	28¾
Nat Semi	15¼	15¾
Norfolk Sth	95¼	95¾
NW Bancrp	41¾	40½
Occid Pet	31	31¾
Ogden Cp	61¾	59¾
Olin Cp	49¼	48½
Owens Ill	60¾	60¼
PPG Ind	84¾	84¾
Pac Gas El	26¾	26¾
Pan Am	5	4¾
Penney JC	94¾	95¾
Pennzoil	76¾	77¾

	Mar 2	Feb 27
Pepsico	33¾	33¾
Pfizer	71	72¾
Phelps Dod	29¾	30
Philip Mor	84¾	84½
Phillip Ptrl	12¾	13¾
Polaroid	77¾	79½
Proct Gble	85¾	86¾
Pub Svc Eg	40¾	41¾
Raytheon	77	77¾
Rynlds Met	53½	53¾
Rockwell Int	58½	54¾
Royal Dutch	102	103¾
SFE Sopac	33¾	32¾
Sara Lee	42	41½
Schlumb	37	37¾
Scott Pap	75¾	76¾
Seagram	67¾	67¾
Sears Roeb	52¾	51¼
Shell Trans	68¾	65¾
Singer	48¾	49
Smithkln Bk	108	107
Sony Cp	21¾	21½
Sth Cal Ed	33¾	34¾
SW Bell	115¾	118¾
Std Oil	54¾	55¾
Sterl Drug	52¾	52¾
Stevens JP	41¾	40¾
Sun Comp	57¾	57¾
TRW Inc	101¼	105
Teledyne	336¾	342
Tenneco	43¼	44
Texaco	33¾	33¾
Tex Eastn	32¾	32¾
Tex Inst	163	163¾
Tex Util	34¾	34¾
Textron	66¾	68¾
Travelers	52¾	52¾
UAL Inc	54¾	53¾
USG	39	37½
USX Cp	23¾	23
Unilever NV	253	253¼
Un Carbide	27¾	28
Un Pac Cp	72¾	73½
Unisys Cp	105	108¾
Utd Brands	46¾	46¾
Utd Tech	53¾	54¾
Unocal	29¾	29¾
Walter Jim	54	53¾
Warn Lamb	73¾	73¾
Wells Fr	54¾	55¾
Westg El	63¾	64¾
Weyerhsr	51¾	52¾
Whirlpool	36¾	38¾
Woolworth	48¾	48¾
Xerox Cp	70¾	73¾
Zenith	23¼	23¼

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	29¾	29¾
Alcan Alum	48¾	48¾
Algoma Stl	11	10¾
Can Pacific	22	21¼
Cominco	16¾	16¾
Con Bathrst	16¾	17
Hawk S Can	26¾	26¼
Hud Bay M	26¾	26¾
Imasco	35¾	35½
Imperial Oil	55¾	54¾
Int Pipe	42¾	42
Royl Trstco	34½	34½
Seagram	89¾	90¾
Shelco 'A'	22¾	22¾
Thmsn N 'A'	33¾	33¾
Verity Cp.	3.40	3.35
WCT	14¾	14¾
Weston	37	36

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	2,900	Gen Accident	496	Redland	304
Amstrad	3,800	GEC	7,500	Reckitt Colman	165
ASDA-MFI	3,400	Glaxo	2,400	Reed Int	2,100
Ass Br Foods	612	Globe IT	307	Reuters	236
BET	256	Granada	800	RMC Group	138
BTR	1,200	Grand Met	3,000	RTZ	1,100
BAT	2,700	GUS 'A'	625	Rowntree	794
Barclays	1,600	GRE	347	Royal B of Scot	318
Bass	1,400	GKN	4,800	Royal Ins	2,000
Beecham	4,700	Guinness	5,000	Saatchi	1,300
Blue Circle	191	Hammerson Pry 'A'	0	Sainsbury (J)	948
BOC	346	Hanson	11,000	Scot Newell	1,700
Boots	2,600	Hawker Siddeley	606	Sears	16,000
BPB Ind	268	Hillsdown	1,800	Sedgwick Gp	481
BPCC	204	Imp Chem Ind	2,800	Shell	6,000
Br Aerospace	1,800	Imp Cont Gas	1,000	Smith & Nephew	1,900
Br Airways	......	Jaguar	2,000	STC	26,000
Br Gas	36,000	Ladbroke	881	Stan Chart	78
Br Petroleum	6,700	Land Securities	1,600	Storehouse	3,800
Br Telecom	9,400	Legal & Gen	1,300	Sun Alliance	377
Britoil	8,700	Lloyds	1,200	Tarmac	737
Bunzl	240	Lonrho	679	TSB P/P	2,400
Burton	3,500	Marks & Spencer	6,600	Tesco	932
Cable & Wireless	11,000	MEPC	4,500	Thorn EMI	4,600
Cadbury Schwep	1,100	Midland	1,100	Trafalgar House	1,000
Coats Viyella	46	Nat West	2,100	Trusthouse Forte	1,100
Com Union	2,500	P & O Dfrd	661	Unigate	418
Cons Goldfields	437	Pearson	224	Unilever	1,200
Cookson Gp	1,000	Pilkington Bros	1,200	Utd Biscuits	730
Courtaulds	807	Plessey	3,100	Wellcome	6,300
Dee Corp	2,700	Prudential	531	Willis Faber	80
Dixons Gp	1,100	Racal Elect	12,000	Whitbread 'A'	2,100
English China	248	Rank Org	157	Woolworth	276
Fisons	2,700	Rank Hovis	1,100	See prices page 27	

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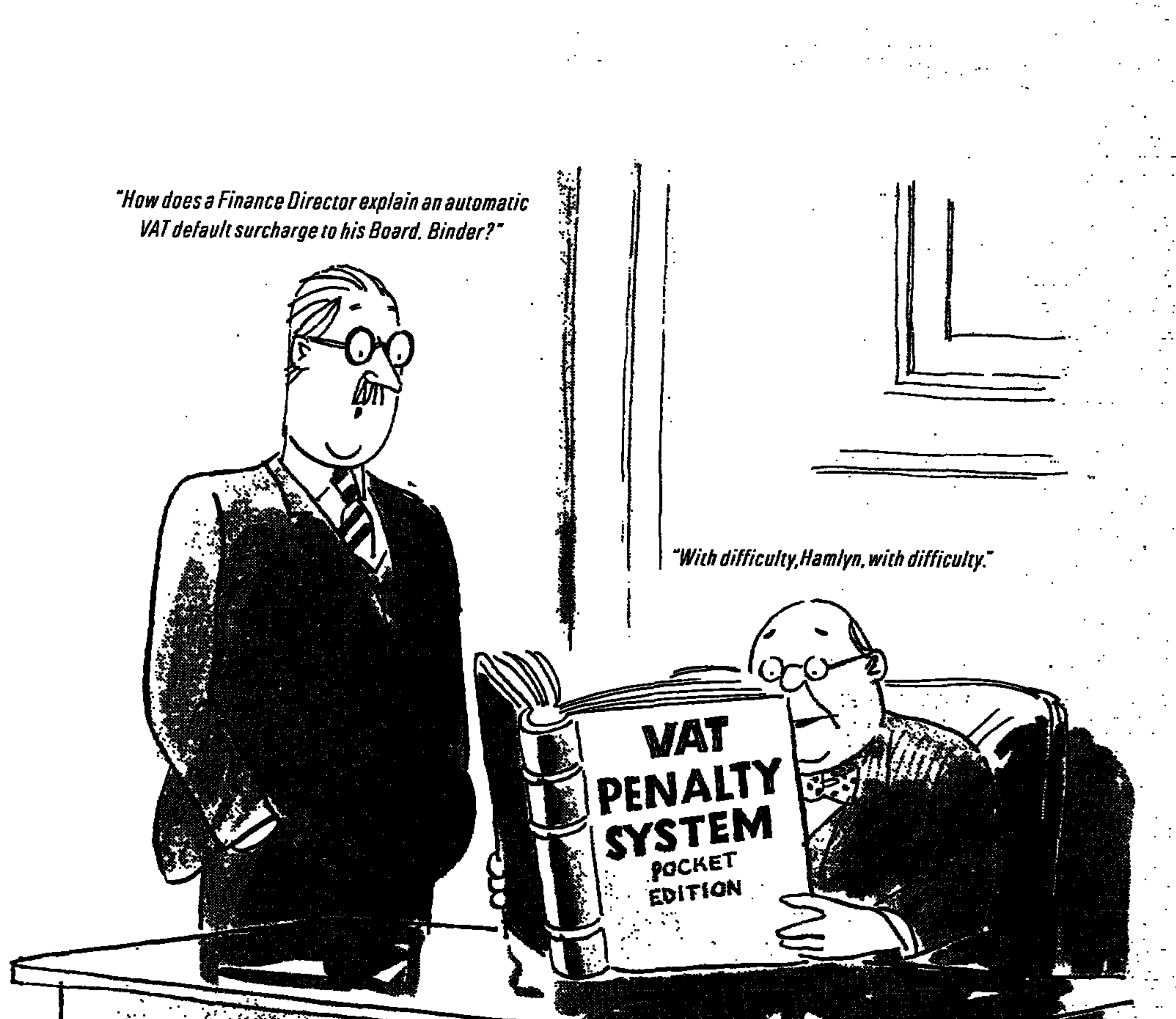

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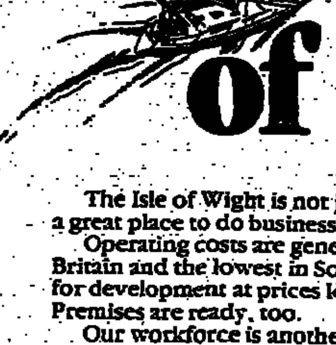

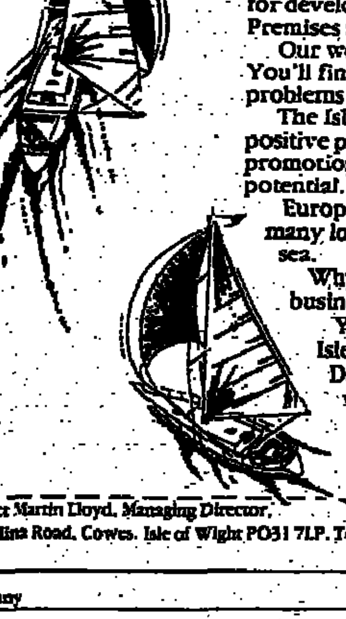

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The blue meanies

Big business might have expected it from Labour but not from the Conservatives. It seems that the Guinness saga is doomed to become an election issue with the Tories determined to turn it to their advantage. Speaking at a lunch hosted by the Right-wing Aims of Industry yesterday, Party chairman Norman Tebbit admitted as much in response to a question from Peter Marsh, chairman of ad agency Allen Brady and Marsh. Claiming that no Labour Government would ever prosecute over trade union ballot-rigging, Tebbit said the Government planned to make a "positive point" of Guinness. "If business is the friend of the Conservative Party — as trade unions are to Labour — then we have shown that, where there are abuses, they will be searched out and those responsible for criminal acts will be prosecuted. Rigging the market, and that is what is alleged in this particular case, is a criminal offence and I hope we can show that we will be rigorous in dealing with it."

"How come we are the only firm in the market that has not discovered a cure for Aids?"

Payton's place

Once an ad man always an ad man. Ten years ago, American Bob Payton, of Chicago Pizza Pie Factory fame, worked for the US agency JWT and now I hear he has been making money selling ad space on the side of railway carriages. The carriages in question are part of a model railway on a 330ft track, suspended from the ceiling of his new London restaurant, the Chicago Meat Packers, in Charing Cross Road, which he opens today. Charging £250 a year per carriage, he has been inundated with takers, ranging from the First National Bank of Chicago to Humberts, the estate agent, and he has now been forced to increase the price to £500. With a total of 45 carriages so far, that works out at a tasty £22,500 profit

Capel caper

Capel-Cure Myers, the stockbroking firm — which last night had the embarassing experience of collecting an award as the top USM sponsor at the annual USM dinner in the NatWest Tower, just a week after losing 11 members of its prized smaller companies team to rival firm Wood Mackenzie — is turning the tables. I hear that CCM has just poached Charles Warner-Allen, a corporate finance man from, you've guessed it, Wood Mackenzie. CCM has also bagged Shaun Duggan, an accountant and former partner at Alexanders, Laing & Cruickshank, who had more recently been working as a freelance corporate finance consultant.

High rise

If you think office rents in London are expensive, spare a thought for the Japanese. Office accommodation in Marunouchi, Tokyo's financial district, is, at £76 per square foot, the most expensive in the world. According to London estate agents Weatherall Green & Smith, comparable accommodation in the City would cost £63.25 a square foot. In mid-town New York it would cost £52.85, in the heart of the Paris business district £44.05 and in Frankfurt a bargain £22.05.

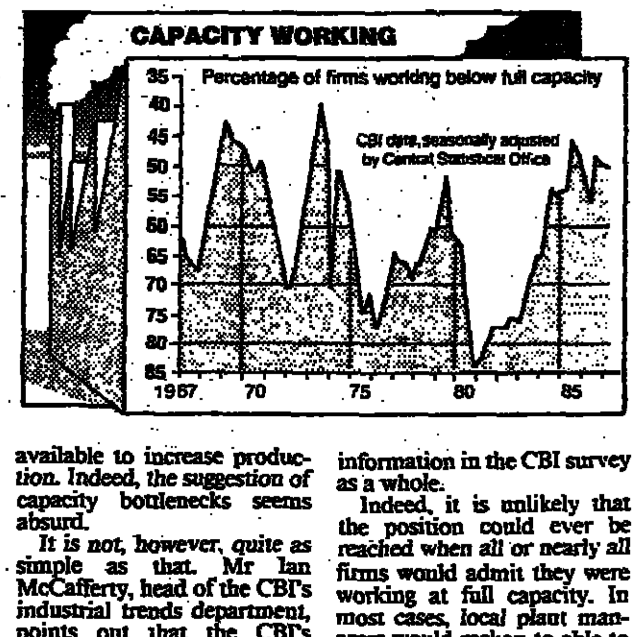
Mad March

Does history always repeat itself? The Bank of England will hope not. Yesterday, the Old Lady engaged in the unaccustomed practice of selling pounds so that sterling would not rise too fast. By coincidence, it is exactly 11 years since a previous sterling sale. On March 4 1976, the Bank sold an estimated £80 million to smooth a rise, precipitating, a day later, a fall in the pound to below $2 for the first time. The run continued through spring and summer until Denis Healey had to go cap in hand to the IMF with sterling knocking on $1.50. Some unofficial observers put yesterday's Bank sales at, coincidentally, £80 million. But, allowing for inflation, the scale of the intervention is significantly smaller.

Carol Leonard

TRENDS

Is the manufacturing tide ready to turn?



One of the fears about the present manufacturing recovery is that industry will soon bump against the ceiling of capacity limits. Any further recovery in output will be impossible, it is argued, and any increase in demand automatically translated into additional imports.

But how close is British industry to its capacity limits? After all, manufacturing output is still some 4 per cent below its level in the first half of 1979.

And, even allowing for the destruction of some manufacturing capacity in the 1979-81 recession, it is a little hard to think of industry running up against the limits of its ability to produce.

The difficulty in this area, as in so many crucially important areas, is the paucity of accurate statistical information. There is no official measure of capacity utilization. If industry was hitting production ceilings, the Government would be the last to know about it.

In most member countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, government figures are produced for capacity utilization in manufacturing.

The information available in this country is provided by the Confederation of British Industry. In its latest quarterly trends survey, in January, the CBI recorded that 50 per cent of firms reported they were working below capacity.

This was up on the previous quarterly figure of 49 per cent in October, and not significantly down on the 54 per cent figure recorded for Janaury 1986.

Now, 50 per cent of companies working below capacity suggests that, far from approaching capacity limits, industry has plenty of slack available to increase production. Indeed, the suggestion of capacity bottlenecks seems absurd.

It is not, however, quite as simple as that. Mr Ian McCafferty, head of the CBI's industrial trends department, points out that the CBI's measure may not fully pick up changes in capacity utilization.

Take the change in the position between October 1986 and January 1987. There is an apparent drop in capacity utilization between the two dates — the proportion of firms working below capacity increasing from 49 to 50 per cent.

But the CBI question does not ask how much below capacity companies are working. One period may have had half the companies working at full capacity, the rest at 80 per cent capacity. The next may have had half at full, half at 90 per cent capacity. There has been an increase in capacity utilization between the two periods which would not show through in the figures.

Mr McCafferty suspects this has been happening in recent months, although the evidence is necessarily less comprehensive than for the information in the CBI survey as a whole.

Indeed, it is unlikely that the position could ever be reached when all or nearly all firms would admit they were working at full capacity. In most cases, local plant managers would reckon to able to squeeze a little extra production out of available capacity.

The last peak for manufacturing output (the high in the second quarter of 1985 is regarded as a "localized" peak), was in the first half of 1979. Manufacturing output peaked then at a lower rate of capacity use — as measured by CBI survey data — than is being experienced at present.

But as the chart shows, more firms are working below capacity now than in the second half of 1973, when manufacturing output reached an all-time high (quarterly figures for 1974 are distorted by the effects of the miners' strike).

The implication is that, while industry is not yet up to maximum capacity, it is not as far below it as the CBI data, taken at face value, suggests.

In the immediate future — the next four months — there does not appear to be any significant worry over industry's capacity ceiling. About 15 per cent of companies cite plant capacity as a constraint on output, a figure that has not changed much for some time.

Whether this will be the case at the end of the year — after the 4 per cent rise in manufacturing output expected by most forecasters — remains to be seen. One would suspect that, by the end of the year, the capacity ceiling could be uncomfortably near for a large proportion of companies.

Indeed, in certain industries, the scope for much additional production without investment in new capacity may be limited. Those sectors recovering the quickest are already finding there is not too much spare capacity.

In chemicals, for example, only 26 per cent of firms regard present working as below capacity. In office machinery and data processing equipment, the figure is 22 per cent. In the pulp and paper industries about a quarter of firms report below-capacity working. And, leading this particular table for textile consumer goods, the proportion of companies working below capacity is a mere 8 per cent.

This contrasts sharply with sectors such as motor vehicles, where 75 per cent of production units are working below capacity, and ferrous metals, where the figure is nearly 90 per cent.

The message is fairly clear. The fastest-growing industrial sectors will reach the limits of capacity fairly soon, but any foreseeable upturn in output will leave vast tracts of unused capacity in the neglected, slow growing sectors.

And this, in turn, raises questions about the manufacturing shake-out that has occurred in Britain since the late 1970s. Capacity has not necessarily been pared back sufficiently in those areas of industry where Britain was uncompetitive and over-represented.

The evidence, such as it is, would appear to suggest that much spare capacity remains in those areas. But those industries expected to carry the torch of Britain's industrial future may find themselves running up against production limits uncomfortably soon.

Given the available data, any conclusions in this area must necessarily be tentative. But it looks very much as if, in terms of spare capacity at least, industry has plenty to spare in those areas where it will not be needed, and far less in those areas most likely to recover strongly. Industry is ready for a 1960s-style manufacturing upturn. Whether it is ready for the changed pattern of a late-1980s output increase is far less certain.

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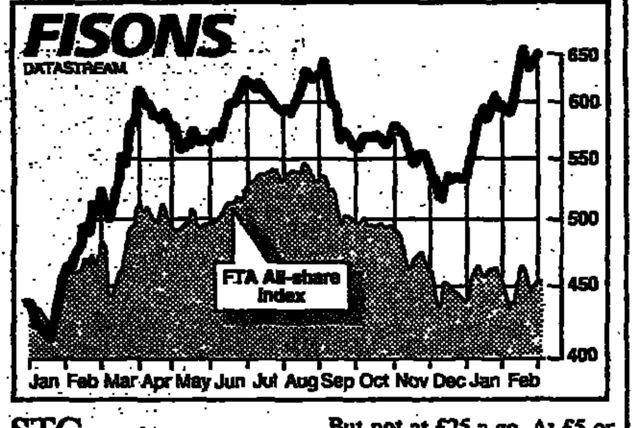
TEMPUS

Fisons: back in shape and ready to grow



Fisons has come a long way since the dark days of 1981. The shares have increased 23-fold since their nadir — an achievement only bettered on the same time-scale among today's Alpha stocks by the computer group, Amstrad.

Now the business is ready for further growth. With the exception of the horticultural business, which was overwhelmed by freakish weather conditions, good progress was made last year by the rest of the group and the balance sheet is strong.

The return on capital employed continues to improve although Fisons would not chase this statistic at the expense of earnings.

The turnover in pharmaceuticals in the US was boosted by a new aerosol form of Intal, Fisons' dominant respiratory drug. Its sales increased by 70 per cent and they are not losing momentum.

Tilade, Fisons' latest anti-asthma product, is establishing itself in Britain and has the main markets of the US, the rest of Europe and Japan to look forward to.

Of the group's other new drugs, Dopocard, an intensive-care heart drug, is the most promising. It should be launched this year, establishing a useful market niche.

In the scientific instruments field, CMS, the US diagnostic business, is doing especially well. Acquisitions made towards the end of last year could add £3-£4 million to 1987 profits after financing. Fisons continues to look for acquisitions in this field.

The horticultural division should return to the growth tack this year freed of the exceptional costs which marred last year's performance.

Fisons has a clean balance sheet giving it scope to make acquisitions if necessary. As yet, it has no plans to add a fourth leg to its business, choosing instead to make strategic purchases in areas of proven expertise and to rely on organic growth in its existing operations.

Although the share price was pushed up last year on Tilade hopes, it is not a favoured stock in the current enthusiasm for Aids-related drugs. As a result, its price has drifted back.

However, Dr Peter Woods, the pharmaceuticals analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the brokers, believes that Fisons shares continue to represent good value. He is forecasting 28 per cent profits growth to £106 million (eps 33.4p).

On a prospective p/e ratio of 18.7 times, the shares are reasonably priced. Indeed, if the group becomes more prominent in selling itself in the international arena, US and Japanese interest could provide additional support for the shares.

STC

As Lord Keith of Castleacre, chairman of STC, the telecommunications and computer group, observed yesterday: "What a difference a year makes."

Then, after a period of turmoil and management changes, STC had reported a loss of more than £11 million for 1985. Yesterday, after a major programme of cost cutting, disposals and debt reduction, the company unveiled pretax profits for 1986 of £134.2 million, above market expectations, and confirming that the long-awaited recovery is now well under way.

The shares, which languished at 98p last year, jumped a further 25p to 268p on the figures.

After stripping out the businesses which have been sold, turnover for the rest of the group rose by 3 per cent to £1.9 billion. The group claims that its more streamlined operation has made it more competitive, helping to boost margins from 4.6 per cent to 8.4 per cent, and lead to an 18 per cent inflow of new orders to over the £2 billion mark.

ICL remains the powerhouse of the group, despite the tough worldwide conditions, with operating profits increasing by 46 per cent to just over £90 million.

STC has become the world's leading supplier of submarine systems while overall there has been a surge in orders for communication systems. Operating profits of the division rose 16 per cent to £56 million.

The only setback was the defence side, suffering from a rundown on the Ptarmigan contract, leading to an overall 11 per cent fall in sales and lower operating profits. The components manufacturing operations returned to profitability after significant rationalization. Further growth this year to profits of £170 million look attainable.

Unilever

If the housewife's portfolio, comprising shares in companies that produce or sell the goods she buys, existed, Unilever would be on the list. But not at £25 a go. At £5 or so, which Unilever shares will be after the one-for-five share split announced yesterday, the marketability is vastly improved, and not only for housewives.

The split offers a good opportunity to stand back from the quarterly performances of Unilever and see where it now stands in the metamorphosis from stodgy multi-national to fast-moving international corporation. The changes started in earnest under Sir Kenneth Durham, the former chairman, and have been carried on with gusto by Mr Michael Angus, his successor.

If there has been a main theme to the two changes, it is the move back towards the core businesses. Mr Angus said the restructuring of Unilever by disposals was largely over. Acquisitions remain a question of opportunity. It is interesting that most of the 50 disposals in the past three years, which together had been producing about £2 billion in sales but not much profit, were companies brought into the group over the previous 15 years.

The acquisitions — excluding Chesebrough Ponds, which it bought in December — number about the same over the same period, produced the same turnover, but made profits of £1.3 billion. They also fit in much more neatly with Unilever's traditional fats, detergent and food roots.

Profit margins are responding to the treatment. At the operating level they improved from 5.6 per cent to 6.5 per cent and the emphasis now will be on growth. The two markets to watch are America and the Far East. In the US and Japan, the company has been spending its way into market share.

The bottom line for investors is how the Angus approach is reflected in earnings per share and dividend. The dividend is up 42 per cent to 50.17p from an earnings per share up 29 per cent to 177.55p. The historic p/e of 14.6, likely to shrink to about 12 this year, makes them a good buy for anyone's long-term portfolio.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Cutting interest rates without a fiscal shot

Nigel Lawson's determination to hold interest rates up until the Budget is beginning to rival his determination in the autumn to hold them down until after the Conservative Party conference.

Already the Bank of England has been twice ordered into the market to hoist a strong signal against any precipitate fall by lending to the discount houses at a penal rate. Yesterday, the Old Lady was at it again, this time intervening in the foreign exchange market to stop the pound from showing an indecent measure of strength.

It is not difficult to justify the Bank's intervention. While a rise in sterling would help to take the top off the upturn in inflation expected during the summer, it would also start to undermine the improvement in industrial competitiveness achieved by last year's depreciation. Coupled with the present rapid increase in productivity, this has left manufacturing in a strong position, which will help exports and employment through the remainder of the year.

Mr Lawson, in any event, is bound, at least morally, by the agreement of the Group of Six in Paris to keep exchange rates broadly where they are for the time being. Hence the Chancellor's comment after the meeting that he did not want to see a fall in sterling, but neither did he want to see any substantial rise.

Nevertheless, the effect of curbing the buoyancy in the pound will be to take some of the downward pressure off interest rates. The view in the City yesterday was that if sterling were to push up from its present level of 70.7 on the exchange rate index through 72, then pressure for lower interest rates would again become almost irresistible.

In the absence of further strong upward pressure in the foreign exchange market, the Chancellor appears to have got his Budget cut in interest rates without firing a fiscal shot. In these circumstances, it will be tempting to use his entire fiscal adjustment for tax cuts. Taken literally, this would be a mistake. The market is expecting at least some reduction in borrowing.

In defence of Avana

The great escape of Pilkington Brothers has changed the way companies defend themselves against takeover bids as well as the landscape in which the battles are fought. The Avana food group, by far the most successful enterprise of the old Julian Hodge stable, produced a confident defence document yesterday. It eschews giving away anything so specific as a profit forecast on the grounds that the first bid from RHM should be viewed as a sighter to be treated with disdain.

More eloquent are the terms in which John Randall, Avana chairman, makes the case for Avana to remain independent. Avana's recipe for success, he writes graphically, is: innovation + investment + people = profits. In the new lexicon, innovation and investment are key words.

In Avana's case, the boasts are fully justified. Avana has been at the forefront of producing the sophisticated pre-prepared recipe products that are selling so well in places like Marks and Spencer and Sainsbury — retailers for which Avana produces anything from own-label sweet and sour pork to health-conscious cereals. Dr Randall claims 200 new products in the past three years, in contrast with RHM's dependence on bread and long-distance branded goods.

Avana would hardly be vulnerable to a bid if its headlong profits growth had not paused for a hefty programme of investment for expansion. The centrepiece is the £28 million advanced new flexible food factory on the old Hoover DragonParc site at Merthyr Tydfil.

Avana, from a humble beginning in cakes, has become one of the few important companies headquartered in Wales. The regional dimension includes strong support, not least in £7.7 million of help from the Welsh Office for DragonParc. There is more material here for an important debate on the importance for the social and economic development of suffering areas of the United Kingdom — Scotland, Wales, the North-east of England, Merseyside — of having companies which retain their own identity and decision-making powers and are not reduced to mere branch status.

The Weslh connection apart, the Avana defence case is more likely to resemble AE's bid to fend off Turner & Newall. As in that case, the bidder needs its victim more than the bid-for company needs help from a larger organization: RHM itself has to look over its shoulder to big new Australian shareholders.

T&N won its bid because it was prepared to pay the necessary price. But the climate has changed since then.

New bank rules

The Bank of England's new underwriting proposals should be welcomed by the British merchant banks with their relatively narrow capital resources and their need, on occasion, to undertake colossal underwriting commitments. The two-tier system, consisting of banks which can exceed the normal exposure limits as a matter of course and those which cannot, should save time. It would be almost unworkable if banks had to consult with the supervisor well in advance before taking on any underwriting that breached the normal 25 per cent of capital limit.

But the move to different rules is likely to mean extra buoyancy in the salaries of experienced corporate finance men. To join the charmed circle of banks which can go up to 60 per cent of capital without consulting the Bank, an institution needs to show that it has a track record and knows what it is doing. It can achieve this blessed state either by building up years' of experience or, more simply, buying another bank's experienced corporate finance team.

At the same time, the system gives the Bank a great deal of discretion in deciding who is experienced and who is not. This power is important and should help to restore some of the control over bank underwriting activities which appeared to be slipping during the takeover boom last summer.

A final note of caution to banks: the concessionary period of 90 days suggested in the previous paper on large exposures has now been whittled down to a maximum of 28 days.

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Southend Stadium	13/11/85	11/12/85	77p	94p	£53,812
Connells Estate Agents	11/12/85	19/2/86	167p	217p	£66,775
Wire & Plastics	26/2/86	19/3/86	388p	478p	£78,661
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Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.70	89.73	89.65	89.72	931
Jun 87	90.45	90.45	90.32	90.36	2620
Sep 87	90.57	90.59	90.51	90.55	481
Dec 87	90.58	90.58	90.51	90.56	389
Mar 88	90.45	90.45	90.45	90.47	20
Jun 88	90.30	90.30	90.30	90.31	20
Previous day's total open interest 21047					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 29231			
Mar 87	93.60	93.62	93.59	93.61	593
Jun 87	93.71	93.73	93.68	93.69	2342
Sep 87	93.71	93.71	93.67	93.68	250
Dec 87	93.60	93.62	93.60	93.59	99
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 3387			
Mar 87	101-22	101-24	101-14	101-15	466
Jun 87	100-18	100-23	100-08	100-12	3899
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	99-10	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 54			
Mar 87	N/T	—	—	100-56	0
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 17702			
Mar 87	119-14	119-20	119-14	119-18	102
Jun 87	119-29	120-03	119-19	119-27	15860
Sep 87	119-13	119-13	119-13	119-21	80
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	119-24	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 4976			
Mar 87	119.50	200.10	198.90	200.10	796
Jun 87	203.00	204.10	203.00	203.80	74

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STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 3	Market rates close March 3	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5605-1.5655	1.5620-1.5630	0.65-0.62prem	1.59-1.53prem
Montreal	2.0800-2.0876	2.0821-2.0850	0.72-0.60prem	180-142prem
Ams'dam	3.2305-3.2476	3.2333-3.2378	1⅝-1½prem	4⅛-3⅞prem
Brussels	59.16-59.57	59.25-59.35	21-15prem	44-38prem
C'phgen	10.7647-10.7938	10.7712-10.7838	⅛-1⅛dis	2⅜-3⅜dis
Dublin	1.0709-1.0765	1.0730-1.0740	27-35dis	95-111dis
Frankfurt	2.8573-2.8774	2.8647-2.8689	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Lisbon	220.51-222.23	220.95-221.88	60-150	280-415
Madrid	200.99-202.43	201.50-201.78	35-65	130-180
Milan	2030.21-2046.89	2036.07-2042.06	6-parprm	10prem-1dis
Oslo	10.8826-10.9409	10.8746-10.8972	3-4dis	11⅝-12⅝dis
Paris	9.5061-9.5762	9.5329-9.5499	2⅛-2prem	5-4½prem
St'khlm	10.0574-10.1240	10.0670-10.0844	⅝-1dis	1½-2⅛dis
Tokyo	239.54-240.62	239.77-240.16	1½-1¼prem	3⅝-3½prem
Vienna	20.11-20.24	20.15-20.18	12⅛-10⅝prem	29⅝-26⅝prem
Zurich	2.4047-2.4185	2.4110-2.4156	1⅝-1½prem	4-3⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 70.6 (day's range 70.6-70.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.3953-2.4063
Australia dollar	2.2989-2.3022
Bahrain dinar	0.5880-0.5920
Brazil cruzado*	27.64-27.80
Cyprus pound	0.7535-0.7635
Finland marka	7.0435-7.0835
Greece drachma	209.55-211.55
Hong Kong dollar	12.1664-12.1758
India rupee	20.15-20.35
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4315-0.4355
Malaysia dollar	3.9352-3.9402
Mexico peso	1625.0-1675.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7790-2.7859
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8495-5.8895
Singapore dollar	3.3350-3.3388
S Africa rand (fin)	5.5714-5.6764
S Africa rand (com)	3.2398-3.2521
U A E dirham	5.7295-5.7695

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4540-1.4560
Singapore	2.1365-2.1375
Malaysia	2.5210-2.5225
Australia	0.6785-0.6790
Canada	1.3317-1.3327
Sweden	6.4400-6.4450
Norway	6.9570-6.9620
Denmark	6.8875-6.8925
West Germany	1.8325-1.8335
Switzerland	1.5430-1.5440
Netherlands	2.0695-2.0705
France	6.0975-6.1025
Japan	153.50-153.60
Italy	1302.5-1303.5
Belgium(Comm)	37.91-37.94
Hong Kong	7.7990-7.8000
Portugal	141.50-142.00
Spain	128.93-129.03
Austria	12.89-12.91

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11½ Low 7
Week fixed: 11¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10 13/32	2 mnth	10 9/32
3 mnth	10¼	3 mnth	10⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 17/32-10 13/32 2 mnth 10⅜-10¼
3 mnth 10 5/16-10 1/16 6 mnth 9 31/32-9 9/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 15/32 2 mnth 11
3 mnth 10 13/16 6 mnth 10 9/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12 close 6
1 week 11 3/16-11 1/16 6 mnth 10⅜-10 3/16
1 mnth 11 3/16-11 1/16 9 mnth 10 5/16-10 1/16
3 mnth 10 9/16-10⅜ 12 mth 10 3/16-10 1/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11 7 days 11
1 mnth 10¾ 3 mnth 10½
6 mnth 10¼ 12 mth 9¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11 2 mnth 11⅛-10⅞
3 mnth 10⅝-10⅜ 6 mnth 10½-10¼
9 mnth 10 7/16-10 3/16 12 mth 10⅜-10⅛

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11 3/32-11 3 mnth 10 13/32-10¼
6 mnth 10⅛-10 12 mth 10 1/16-9 27/32

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.40-6.35 3 mnth 6.30-6.25
6 mnth 6.30-6.25 12 mth 6.40-6.35

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6-6 3/16 call 6½-5½
3 mnth 6⅝-6½ 1 mnth 6⅝-6½
6 mnth 6⅝-6½

Deutschmark
7 days 4-3¾ call 4¼-3¾
3 mnth 4 1/16-3 15/16 1 mnth 4 1/16-3 15/16
6 mnth 4⅛-4

French Franc
7 days 8¼-7¾ call 8½-7½
3 mnth 8⅝-8⅜ 1 mnth 8¼-8⅛
6 mnth 8⅝-8⅜

Swiss Franc
7 days 2½-2¼ call 2½-1½
3 mnth 4-3⅞ 1 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16
6 mnth 4-3⅞

Yen
7 days 4⅜-4¼ call 4¼-3¾
3 mnth 4⅜-4¼ 1 mnth 4⅜-4¼
6 mnth 4⅜-4¼

BULLION

Gold:$403.75-404.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 405.00-408.00 (£259.25-261.25)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 96.50-97.50 (£61.75-62.50)
Platinum
$ 520.75 (£333.80)
Silver
$ 5.44-5.46 (£3.48-3.50)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 31, 1987 to February 27, 1987 inclusive: 10.896 per cent.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

TO THE HOLDERS OF

CDC INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

5% GUARANTEED CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES DUE APRIL 1, 1988

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the holders of outstanding 5% Guaranteed Convertible Debentures due April 1, 1988 (the "Debenture") of CDC International Finance Corporation (the "Company") that, in accordance with Sections 3.01, 3.04 and 4.01 of the Indenture dated April 1, 1968 (the "Indenture") among the Company and Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association (the "Trustee"), the Company has elected to redeem $1,339,000.00 principal amount of the outstanding Debentures on April 1, 1987 (the "Redemption Date") through the operation of the Sinking Fund at 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with interest accrued thereon at the rate of 5% per annum to the Redemption Date. The Trustee has selected Debentures to be redeemed bearing debenture numbers, as follows:

M113	M577	M733	M909	M1939	M6619	M9789	M10974	M12077	M13250	M13683	M14051
M114	M578	M734	M910	M2010	M6620	M9790	M10975	M12078	M13251	M13684	M14052
M115	M579	M735	M911	M2011	M6621	M9791	M10976	M12079	M13252	M13685	M14053
M116	M580	M738	M912	M2012	M6622	M9792	M10977	M12085	M13253	M13686	M14064
M117	M581	M739	M913	M2013	M6623	M9793	M10978	M12086	M13301	M13687	M14065
M118	M582	M740	M914	M2014	M6624	M9794	M10979	M12087	M13302	M13688	M14066
M119	M583	M744	M915	M2015	M6625	M10421	M10980	M12088	M13303	M13694	M14067
M120	M584	M745	M926	M2016	M6626	M10422	M10981	M12089	M13304	M13695	M14068
M121	M585	M746	M927	M2017	M6684	M10423	M10983	M12090	M13305	M13696	M14069
M122	M586	M747	M928	M2018	M6685	M10424	M10984	M12091	M13306	M13697	M14070
M123	M587	M748	M929	M2019	M6686	M10425	M10985	M12093	M13307	M13698	M14113
M124	M588	M749	M930	M2046	M6687	M10426	M10986	M12738	M13308	M13699	M14114
M127	M589	M750	M931	M2047	M6688	M10427	M10987	M12739	M13309	M13700	M14115
M128	M590	M751	M932	M2048	M6689	M10428	M10988	M12740	M13322	M13702	M14116
M129	M591	M752	M933	M2049	M6690	M10429	M10989	M12741	M13323	M13703	M14117
M131	M592	M753	M934	M2050	M6691	M10430	M11079	M12742	M13324	M13704	M14118
M132	M593	M754	M935	M2051	M6692	M10472	M11080	M12743	M13325	M13705	M14119
M133	M594	M755	M936	M2052	M6693	M10473	M11081	M12744	M13326	M13706	M14120
M142	M595	M756	M938	M2053	M6800	M10474	M11082	M12745	M13327	M13708	M14121
M143	M596	M757	M939	M2054	M6801	M10475	M11083	M12746	M13328	M13738	M14122
M362	M597	M758	M940	M2055	M6802	M10476	M11084	M12747	M13329	M13739	M14123
M363	M598	M772	M941	M2120	M6803	M10477	M11085	M12785	M13330	M13740	M14124
M364	M599	M773	M942	M2121	M6804	M10478	M11086	M12786	M13331	M13741	M14125
M365	M600	M774	M943	M2122	M6805	M10479	M11087	M12787	M13332	M13742	M14126
M366	M601	M775	M944	M2123	M6806	M10480	M11088	M12788	M13347	M13755	M14127
M367	M602	M776	M945	M2124	M6807	M10481	M11089	M12789	M13348	M13756	M14128
M368	M603	M777	M946	M2125	M6808	M10505	M11090	M12790	M13349	M13757	M14129
M369	M614	M778	M947	M2126	M6809	M10506	M11091	M12791	M13350	M13758	M14130
M370	M615	M780	M948	M2127	M6841	M10507	M11092	M12793	M13351	M13759	M14131
M371	M616	M782	M949	M2128	M6842	M10508	M11093	M12794	M13352	M13774	M14132
M372	M617	M783	M950	M2129	M6843	M10509	M11103	M12852	M13353	M13775	M14267
M373	M618	M784	M951	M2423	M6844	M10510	M11104	M12853	M13354	M13776	M14268
M374	M619	M785	M952	M2424	M6845	M10511	M11105	M12854	M13355	M13777	M14269
M375	M620	M786	M953	M2425	M6846	M10512	M11106	M12855	M13356	M13778	M14270
M376	M621	M787	M954	M2426	M6847	M10513	M11107	M12856	M13357	M13792	M14271
M377	M622	M788	M955	M2427	M6848	M10514	M11381	M12857	M13358	M13793	M14272
M378	M623	M789	M956	M2428	M6849	M10579	M11382	M12858	M13359	M13794	M14273
M379	M624	M790	M957	M2429	M6850	M10580	M11383	M12859	M13360	M13795	M14274
M380	M625	M791	M958	M2430	M7316	M10581	M11384	M12860	M13361	M13796	M14275
M381	M626	M792	M979	M2431	M7317	M10582	M11385	M12861	M13362	M13797	M14276
M421	M627	M798	M980	M2432	M7318	M10583	M11386	M13002	M13363	M13798	M14277
M422	M628	M799	M981	M2544	M7319	M10584	M11387	M13003	M13364	M13799	M14278
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M424	M630	M809	M983	M2546	M7321	M10586	M11389	M13005	M13366	M13803	M14349
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M426	M632	M811	M985	M2548	M7323	M10588	M11637	M13007	M13378	M13805	M14361
M427	M633	M812	M986	M2549	M7324	M10603	M11638	M13008	M13379	M13806	M14362
M428	M634	M813	M987	M2550	M7325	M10604	M11639	M13026	M13380	M13807	M14363
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M449	M637	M818	M990	M2553	M7731	M10607	M11642	M13062	M13383	M13810	M14366
M450	M638	M819	M991	M2771	M7732	M10608	M11643	M13063	M13384	M13812	M14367
M451	M639	M820	M992	M2772	M7733	M10609	M11644	M13064	M13385	M13813	M14368
M452	M640	M821	M1286	M2773	M7734	M10610	M11645	M13065	M13386	M13814	M14510
M453	M641	M823	M1287	M2774	M7735	M10611	M11646	M13066	M13396	M13849	M14511
M454	M642	M824	M1288	M2775	M7736	M10612	M11785	M13067	M13397	M13850	M14512
M455	M643	M825	M1289	M2776	M7737	M10693	M11786	M13068	M13398	M13851	M14513
M456	M644	M826	M1290	M2777	M7738	M10694	M11787	M13093	M13399	M13852	M14514
M457	M645	M827	M1291	M2778	M7828	M10695	M11788	M13094	M13457	M13853	M14515
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M505	M653	M829	M1293	M2780	M7830	M10697	M11790	M13096	M13459	M13855	M14523
M506	M654	M830	M1294	M3281	M7831	M10698	M11791	M13097	M13510	M13856	M14524
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M510	M658	M836	M1312	M3285	M7835	M10702	M11797	M13103	M13514	M13895	M14676
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M526	M680	M855	M1442	M5673	M7864	M10802	M11814	M13174	M13569	M13912	M14795
M527	M681	M857	M1443	M5674	M7865	M10803	M11815	M13175	M13570	M13935	M14796
M528	M682	M858	M1493	M5675	M7866	M10804	M11816	M13176	M13571	M13936	M14797
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M531	M685	M865	M1496	M5678	M7869	M10807	M11819	M13190	M13574	M13939	M14838
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M534	M689	M868	M1499	M5681	M8450	M10810	M11822	M13193	M13577	M13942	M14841
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M542	M715	M882	M1535	M5990	M8458	M10931	M11968	M13226	M13620	M14022	M14900
M543	M716	M883	M1536	M5991	M8841	M10932	M11969	M13227	M13621	M14023	M14901
M544	M717	M884	M1537	M5992	M8842	M10933	M11970	M13228	M13622	M14024	M14902
M545	M718	M886	M1538	M5993	M8843	M10934	M11971	M13229	M13623	M14025	M14903
M546	M719	M887	M1539	M6561	M8844	M10935	M11972	M13230	M13624	M14026	M14904
M547	M720	M888	M1540	M6562	M8845	M10936	M11973	M13232	M13625	M14027	M14905
M548	M721	M889	M1930	M6563	M8846	M10937	M12068	M13233	M13626	M14028	M14906
M549	M722	M901	M1931	M6564	M8847	M10938	M12069	M13234	M13639	M14029	M14907
M563	M723	M902	M1932	M6566	M8848	M10939	M12070	M13235	M13640	M14039	M14913
M564	M724	M903	M1933	M6567	M8849	M10940	M12071	M13236	M13641	M14040	M14914
M565	M725	M904	M1934	M6568	M8850	M10969	M12072	M13237	M13642	M14041	
M567	M726	M905	M1935	M6569	M9785	M10970	M12073	M13238	M13643	M14042	
M568	M727	M906	M1936	M6570	M9786	M10971	M12074	M13239	M13645	M14043	
M569	M731	M907	M1937	M6617	M9787	M10972	M12075	M13240	M13646	M14044	
M570	M732	M908	M1938	M6618	M9788	M10973	M12076	M13241	M13682	M14045	

On April 1, 1987, the Bonds designated for redemption will become due and payable at the redemption price aforesaid and payment will be made upon presentation and surrendered at:

Chemical Bank New York Trust Company
55 Water Street
New York, NY 10041

Bank of America
National Trust and Savings Association
In London, Brussels, Paris or Amsterdam

Deutsche Bank A G.
Frankfurt · Main
Federal Republic of Germany

Banca Commerciale Italiana
Milan. Main
Italy

Banque Generale de Luxembourg S A.
Luxembourg

The Debentures called for redemption herein may be converted into shares of Common Stock of the Company at the conversion price of $59.10 for each share, provided the Debentures are surrendered for conversion on or before the close of business on the tenth (10th) day prior to the "Redemption Date." No payment or adjustment shall be made for interest accrued on any Debenture that shall be converted or for dividends on any Common Stock that shall be delivered upon the conversion of any Debenture.

The Debentures must be accompanied by all interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing after April 1, 1987. Interest on the Debentures will cease to accrue from and after April 1, 1987 and the interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing after said date shall be void.

It is required by the Internal Revenue Service that if you are a U.S. Citizen you must provide your Social Security number when submitting bonds for redemption.

CDC INTERNATIONAL
FINANCE CORPORATION
By: BANK OF AMERICA
National Trust and Savings Association
as Trustee

Dated: February 25, 1987

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

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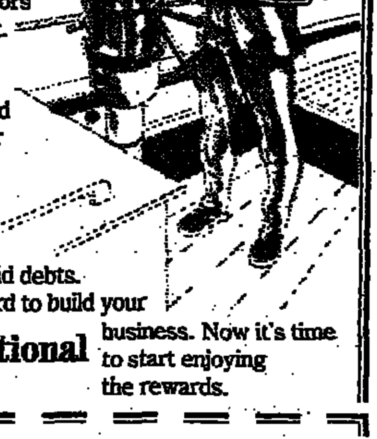

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Hanson (*165)	135	30½	35½	38	½	1½	3
	150	16	23	28	1	3½	6½
	165	5	13½	19½	4½	9	12
	180	1	6½	11	15½	17½	19
Jaguar (*614)	550	67	870	105	1	13	13
	600	28	57	702	10	33	48
	650	10	35	45	45	53	60
Sears							
Tesco (*477)	420	60	70	88	2	6	12
	460	30	38	62	8	17	18
	500	6	22	38	33	42	45
Thorn EMI (*625)	460	168	185	196	½	1	2
	500	128	145	155	½	2	4
	550	78	98	112	2	8	12
	600	37	58	70	12	23	30
THF (*212)	180	35	41	47	1	2½	3
	200	16	25	34	2	9	14
	220	6	16	24	13	18	23

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*674)	600	87	103	—	10	15	—
	650	54	78	93	27	33	40
	700	33	50	67	52	58	65
BAT Inds (*540)	420	123	135	—	1	1½	—
	460	83	100	—	2	5	—
	500	52	70	80	8	15	17
	550	26	40	53	32	37	42
Barclays (*515)	500	35	55	67	22	28	37
	550	14	27	40	65	57	65
	600	8	15	22	100	102	105
Brit Telecom (*249)	220	36	42	50	3	6	10
	240	21	27	36	8	13	17
	260	10	17	25	18	26	30
Cadbury Schwpps (*258)	240	26	39	50	6	12	18
	260	16	29	39	17	21	24
	280	9	21	—	33	38	—
Guinness (*325)	300	43	63	68	13	22	27
	330	27	42	50	25	35	40
	360	11	23	—	45	47	—
Ladbroke (*450)	390	63	80	—	3	8	—
	420	45	57	73	15	20	22
	460	22	35	48	30	35	40
LASMO (*189)	160	34	39	—	6	9	—
	180	23	27	34	11	16	18
	200	12	18	25	22	24	27
Midland Bank (*612)	550	67	82	—	13	20	—
	600	37	50	67	34	45	47
	650	17	26	45	65	70	75
P & O (*634)	550	80	105	—	5	10	—
	600	50	67	82	18	30	37
	650	20	38	53	40	47	57
Racal (*244)	220	34	44	52	5	12	15
	240	21	35	42	13	24	28
	260	12	24	33	26	34	38
RTZ (*728)	650	102	120	—	9	12	—
	700	65	87	104	23	25	48
	750	42	65	82	52	62	72
	800	20	38	58	87	97	100
Vaal Reef (*93)	80	17½	28	25½	3	5	7
	90	10½	15½	18½	5½	9½	10½
	100	4½	9½	—	12½	14	—

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Lonrho (*283)	200	84	89	—	½	1½	—
	220	64	69	73	1	1½	3
	240	44	51	55	1	4	6
	260	24	35	39	2	8	11
	280	9	21	27	7	16	18

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£107)	104	3½	3 1/16	—	7/16	20/32	—
	106	58/32	2 5/16	2¼	1 1/16	64/32	63/32
	108	⅝	1 7/16	21/16	2⅛	43/16	3
	110	7/16	—	—	3¾	—	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£117)	112	6½	7 3/16	—	½	1¼	—
	114	4½	6	—	1	1½	—
	116	3½	20/16	5½	27/16	2 9/16	3½
	118	2½	3½	4½	2½	3 7/16	4
	120	1¾	—	—	3½	—	—

	Series	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FT-SE Index (*1982)	1675	327	347	—	—	1	2	—	—
	1700	302	322	—	—	1	3	—	—
	1750	252	272	—	—	2	5	—	—
	1800	202	228	247	—	4	9	15	—
	1850	157	185	207	—	7	17	25	—
	1900	118	150	167	—	17	30	40	—
	1950	78	115	132	150	30	47	60	70
	2000	48	80	102	118	52	70	83	90

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*375)	330	55	65	80	1	7	8
	360	32	43	55	7	15	20
	390	17	28	38	25	30	35
British Gas (*81)	60	22½	25	28	½	1	1
	70	13	17	21½	1½	3	4
	80	6½	11	15½	4	6	7
British Airways (*111)	100	14	19	22	2½	7	8
	110	7½	12½	16	6	11½	15
	120	3½	9	12	13	19	23
BP (*769)	700	83	108	130	10	15	26
	750	42	70	93	20	27	38
	800	17	45	60	47	50	60
Cons Gold (*781)	700	93	122	137	10	25	40
	750	59	92	110	30	37	57
	800	35	62	87	54	62	77
Courtaulds (*410)	330	89	940	109	2	2½	8
	360	59	71	89	3	7	11
	390	35	54	73	9	20	25
	420	20	42	53	26	33	38
Com Union (*341)	300	44	51	58	4	9	12
	330	23	32	41	15	18	22
	360	11	20	29	35	36	41
Cable & Wire (*353)	325	35	—	—	3	—	—
	350	20	—	—	14	—	—
	360	—	26	47	—	28	47
	390	10	16	33	45	52	60
GEC (*229)	200	34	44	52	2	6	8
	220	22	32	38	8	11	15
	240	12	22	28	20	24	28
Grand Met (*512)	420	100	115	127	1	3	5
	460	63	77	92	3	8	13
	500	30	52	68	15	22	27
	550	12	26	40	45	50	55
ICI (*1377)	1300	90	140	185	20	35	57
	1350	60	110	135	35	55	80
	1400	37	80	105	70	85	105
	1450	24	60	850	110	130	135
Land Securities (*358)	330	33	38	50	2	7	10
	360	15	24	37	11	17	22
	390	5	11	23	36	40	44
Marks & Spen (*214)	180	39	48	52	1	3	4
	200	22	29	35	3	7	10
	220	10	17	22	12	16	20
Shell Trans (*1070)	1000	77	88	110	18	30	40
	1050	37	55	82	45	53	62
	1100	20	37	62	77	82	90
Trafalgar House (*324)	280	50	58	67	2	5	8
	300	32	42	54	7	11	14
	330	15	27	41	21	26	31
TSB (*79)	70	10	13½	15½	1	2½	2½
	80	4	7	9	4½	6	7
	90	¾	2½	—	12½	13½	—
Woolworth (*760)	700	85	100	125	8	18	30
	750	55	70	80	25	40	48
	800	28	40	55	55	70	75

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Beecham (*537)	420	122	132	135	1	2	4
	460	82	973	100	2	7	10
	500	43	65	77	3	17	23
	550	17	37	58	25	43	47
Boots (*322)	280	45	53	58	1	8	9
	300	28	39	47	4	14	18
	330	11	22	33	18	26	30
BTR (*335)	280	62	68	73	½	4	8
	300	42	50	58	1	3	12
	330	15	32	38	9	18	25
Bass (*914)	800	120	145	160	2	10	17
	850	70	97	130	4	20	35
	900	32	65	100	20	35	60
Blue Circle (*704)	650	62	70	88	5	10	22
	700	22	45	57	15	27	40
	750	5	20	35	55	65	75
De Beers (*1025)	850	190	210	225	2	15	30
	900	140	180	190	8	25	45
	950	100	140	160	15	35	60
	1000	75	120	140	40	60	85
Dixons (*389)	330	64	76	86	1	4	8
	360	34	52	62	3	11	18
	390	17	36	44	15	22	28
GKN (*341)	280	64	67	74	1	4	5
	300	44	48	56	1½	8	11
	330	20	30	38	9	17	20
	360	8	17	23	24	31	35
Glaxo (*1563)	1500	95	165	215	21	70	80
	1550	60	135	185	48	95	100
	1600	37	110	155	73	120	120
	1650	20	45	130	115	145	158

March 3, 1987. Total contracts 66352. Calls 53748. Puts 12604. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE Index. Calls:559. Puts:786

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 27	May 28	Jun 8
Mar 2	Mar 13	Jun 11	Jun 22

Call options were taken out on: 3/3/87 Capital Radio, Talbex, Humberside, British Gas, Atlantic Res., United Guarantee, London Secs., Greenwich Res., Haywood Williams, Brent Walker, Process Systems, Patrocon Group, Martin Ford, Mitchell Cotts, Dares Estates, Amstrad, Blacks Leisure, Sound Diff., Avesco, Suter, Hampton Trust, Guinness, IBL, Rotaprint, Sedgewick, British Benzol, Buta, Polly Peck, 'The Times' Veneer, Burton, Fisons, Norfolk Cap., Southend Stadium, Hawthorn Leisure, Property Trust, Grampian TV, GKN, Astra, Kalon Group, Micro Business Systems.
Puts: Wellcome, Conroy Pets, Talbex, Rotaprint.
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PARTICULARS OF AN ISSUE OF £1,200,000,000

9 per cent EXCHEQUER STOCK, 2002

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS:

Amount paid on issue	£20.00 per cent
Amount payable on Monday, 27th April 1987	£76.00 per cent

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 19TH MAY AND 19TH NOVEMBER

This Stock is an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

1. £1,000,000,000 of the above Stock has been issued to the Bank of England on 2nd March 1987 at a price of £96.00 per cent; the balance of £200,000,000 has been reserved for the National Debt Commissioners for public funds under their management. The amount paid on issue was £20.00 per cent and the amount payable on 27th April 1987 will be £76.00 per cent.

2. The principal of and interest on the Stock will be a charge on the National Loans Fund, with recourse to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. The Stock will be repaid at par on 19th November 2002.

4. The Stock will be registered at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, and will be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Stock registered at the Bank of England held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office Service will also be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by exempt transfer in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1982 and the relevant subordinate legislation. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

5. Interest will be payable half-yearly on 19th May and 19th November. Income tax will be deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post. The first interest payment will be made on 19th November 1987 at the rate of £5.3672 per £100 of the Stock.

6. Until payment in full has been made and a completed registration form submitted to the Bank of England, the Stock (other than amounts held in the Central Gilts Office Service for the account of members) will be represented by letters of allotment.

7. Payment in full may be made at any time prior to 27th April 1987 but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on any overdue amount which may be accepted at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1 per cent per annum. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations, on the due date for the relevant payment, for LIBOR obtained from such source or sources as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate. Default in due payment of any amount in respect of the Stock will render the allotment of such Stock liable to cancellation and any amount previously paid liable to forfeiture.

8. Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA on any date not later than 23rd April 1987. Such requests must be signed and must be accompanied by the letters of allotment.

9. Members of the Central Gilts Office Service may, subject to the provisions of the agreement governing their membership of that Service, surrender a partly-paid letter of allotment to the Central Gilts Office for cancellation and for the Stock comprised therein to be credited to the member's account. The member who is shown by the accounts of the Central Gilts Office as being entitled to any Stock shall, to the exclusion of all persons previously entitled to such Stock and any person claiming any entitlement thereto, both be treated as entitled to such Stock as if that member were the holder of a letter of allotment and be liable for the payment of any amount due in respect of such Stock. A member will be entitled at any time prior to registration to withdraw, in multiples of £100, Stock credited to the member's account and to obtain a partly-paid letter of allotment comprising such Stock, and such member shall be liable for the payment of all amounts becoming due thereafter in respect of such Stock unless and until that letter of allotment is surrendered to the Central Gilts Office for cancellation as aforesaid.

10. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the final instalment is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 27th April 1987; registration of Stock held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office Service will be effected under separate arrangements.

11. Copies of this notice may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England; or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England; at the Bank of Ireland, Moyne Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Belfast, BT1 5BN; or at any office of The Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

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Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, this Stock is issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government or the Bank; that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure; and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON
2nd March 1987

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COMPANY NEWS

● **EGERTON TRUST:** Mr MF Sanderson, the chairman, tells shareholders in the 1986 annual report the directors are confident that, having concluded the consolidation of the group's interests in 1986, the current year will show an "outstanding rise" in profits.

● **HARLEY-DAVIDSON:** Operating net income for 1986 $4.3 million (£2.75 million), against $2.63 million. Income per share 82 cents (72 cents). Revenues $295.3 million ($287.5 million).

● **WETTERN BROTHERS:** RMC's ordinary offer has become unconditional in all respects and remains open until further notice. RMC owns or has acceptances for 863,260 ordinary shares (51.37 per cent).

● **CRA:** (subsidiary of RTZ): Net profit for 1986 rose to Aus$138.20 million (£60.53 million). against Aus$87.80 million. Earnings per share 24.8 cents (17.8 cents). Revenue Aus$4.81 billion (Aus$4.69 billion). Investment income was Aus$116.93 million (Aus$60.61 million).

● **AMS INDUSTRIES:** Year to November 30. Total dividend 1.5p (0.825p). Turnover £4.57 million (£4.92 million). Pretax profit £2.2 million (£3.06 million). Extraordinary credit, nil (£84,000). Earnings per share, after exceptional item, 4.89p (6.32p).

● **ASTRA INDUSTRIAL:** Six months to October 31. Turnover £2.35 million (£2.55 million). Pretax loss £740,000 (£139,000 loss). Loss per share 0.31p (0.20p). The board believes that its strategy, together with the reduction in overall borrowings, will enable the group to return to profits and dividends soon.

● **TRADE PROMOTION SERVICES:** Half-year to October 31. Interim dividend 1.3p (1.15p), payable on April 2. Turnover £2.08 million (£1.63 million). Pretax loss £103,000 (£96,000 loss). Loss per share 1.2p (1p). The board reports that the profitable second half started extremely well, the international spring fair at the NEC, Birmingham, having been outstandingly sucessful with a record number of both exhibitors and visiting buyers.

● ***GOLDSMITHS GROUP:*** The company has signed an agreement with Masterquote, a subsidiary of Swinton Insurance Brokers, for the sale to Swinton of Goldsmiths' insurance consultancy division, carried on through Anthony Gover and Anthony Gover (NE), for £677,750. Swinton will also pay to the companies a £550,000 rebate of a franchise fee; £200,000 will be paid to Goldsmiths for one year's rental of computers. The consideration will be further adjusted to take into account the division's net assets at April 30, 1987.

● **LEE INTERNATIONAL:** The company has agreed to sell its CTS Studios to Landsdowne Recording Studios.

● **S CASKET (HOLDINGS):** Interim dividend 1p (0.8p). Turnover for the six months to December 31 (figures in £000s): 17,301 (15,538). Pretax profit 1,060 (772). Tax 240 (200). Earnings per share 6p. Figures include contribution from the recent acquisition, Armatex.

● **BRITANNIA SECURITY GROUP:** Interim 0.72p (0.6p). Figures in £000s (comparisons restated). Turnover for the six months to December 31: 10,116 (5,368). Pretax profit 2,031 (867). Tax 386 (127). Minorities 10 (14). Extraordinary debt 98 (97). Earnings per share: weighted 5.78p (4.55p). Extraordinary loss represents cost of company obtaining a full listing on the Stock Exchange.

● **TRIBBLE HARRIS INC:** Figures in $000s. Work done 15,675 (12,105) for the year to November 30. Operating costs 13,783 (11,378). Pretax profit 1,892 (727). Tax 936 (312). Adjusted earnings per share, based on maximum effective tax charge of 37.5 per cent, 10.49 cents (4.66 cents) 7.39p (3.28p); based on actual tax charge 8.47 cents (4.26 cents) 5.97p (3.00p).

● **ANGLO-AFRICAN FINANCE:** Dividend 2.5p (nil) for 1986. Figures in £000s. Turnover 135,367 (112,823). Income before tax 9,538 (1,835). Tax 3,265 (1,032). Share of related companies, nil (2 debit). Income after tax 6,273 (801). Earnings per share 15.8p (1.1p loss). Extraordinary gain of £182,000 results from sale of holding in Hallite.

● **DEAN & BOWES GROUP:** Final dividend 2p, making 3p for 1986. Figures in £000s. Turnover 3,790 (2,133). Operating profit 555 (384). Interest 14 (17). Pretax profit 569 (401). Tax 224 (177). Earnings per share: weighted average 5.8p (4.2p); fully diluted 5.5p (nil).

● **ULTRAMAR:** Agreement in principle has been reached for the sale of the wholly-owned British marketing companies, including Ultramar Golden Eagle, to Kuwait Petroleum Corporation. The sale is expected to take place on April 1, when Ultramar will receive about £50 million for fixed assets, goodwill and net current assets including inventory.

● **BLANCHARDS:** Acceptances have been received from holders of 90.65 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital (6,119,000 ordinary shares) and of 100 per cent of issued founders share capital (2,000,000 founders shares) of First Environetics. The offer has become unconditional as to acceptances and will remain open for acceptance until further notice.

● **RIGHTS AND ISSUES INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final dividend 3.15p making 4.25p for 1986. Dividends and interests received £243,169 (£225,565), other income £5,770 (£10,695). Management expenses £59,362 (£51,645). Net revenue before tax £189,577 (£184,615). Tax £56,863 (£57,537). Earnings per share: income shares 3.573p (3.511p), capital shares 0.179p (0.176p). Net asset value: income shares 64.0p (53.0p), capital shares 191.3p (138.5p).

● **WILLIAM SINCLAIR HOLDINGS:** Six months to December 31, in £000s. Interim 0.18p (1.65p). Turnover 5,586 (10,310). Operating profit 282 (52 loss). Bank and other interest credit 240 (77 debit). Profit before tax 522 (129 loss). Tax 160 (nil). Minority interests in profits nil (2). Extraordinary charges 77 (debit 20). Earnings per share 6.29p (1.95 loss adjusted).

● **COOKSON GROUP:** After the offer, by way of a rights issue of 34,901,110 new ordinary shares at 480p, 33,826,754 (96.9 per cent) were taken up.

Paperwork costs exporters £70m a year

By Colin Narbrough

Failure to fill in paperwork properly for letters of credit is costing British exporters £70 million a year — and the situation is not improving.

According to Mr Charles Freebury, the director of advisory services at the Simplification of International Trade Procedures Board (SITPRO): "We have a serious skills shortage." SITPRO is the quango designed to make selling goods abroad easier.

A survey by Midland Bank, covering more than 10,000 documents presented to five leading British banks, shows a rejection rate of 52.3 per cent. This compares with 49 per cent in 1983.

Lord Limerick, chairman of the Institute of Exports, last week drew attention to the lack of educational facilities in Britain for young people entering the export trade. Correcting this is crucial to the country's economic future.

As foreign earnings from North Sea oil decline, exporting other goods will become all the more important to prevent the trade deficit from widening.

Letters of credit are supposed to make it easier to sell to riskier parts of the globe, assuring payment by a British institution.

The main reasons for rejection revealed in the SITPRO study are discrepancies in transport documentation and invoices. Late presentation of documents is also high on the list.

Simple spelling mistakes are frequently grounds for rejection as are disparities between information contained in the letter of credit and other export documents.

Letters of credit extended to British exporters are worth about £14.5 billion annually. An average processing delay of three weeks, because of incorrectly completed documents, causes multi-million losses.

SITPRO says the underlying reason behind incorrect presentation are the same as in 1983 — a lack of management control and poor communication.

Its conclusion is that efforts in recent years to improve exporters' awareness of the problems have so far gone unrewarded.

Outsider is chosen to meet competition from private sector

Barclays director returns to top position at ECGD

By Teresa Poole,
Business Correspondent

Malcolm Stephens: "I feel well qualified"

Mr Malcolm Stephens, the export finance director of Barclays Bank, has been chosen to run the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), in one of the most senior government appointments to be filled from the private sector.

He will be resigning from Barclays Bank to succeed Mr Jack Gill who is taking early retirement at the end of March.

Mr Stephens, aged 49, is the first chief executive of the ECGD to be chosen from outside the civil service but he is not a newcomer to the department, having spent 17 years at the ECGD before joining Barclays in 1982.

His salary has not been disclosed. It will be more than the £41,500 to £43,500 that would normally go with the job but he is still taking a substantial pay cut.

The appointment of Mr Stephens will please government ministers who believed that an outsider was needed to improve the ECGD's efficiency and financial performance. The ECGD, like all export insurers, has been badly hit by debt problems in the Third World and has also faced growing competition from the private sector.

Mr Stephens said: "It is a job which I want to try to do and feel well qualified to do. The priorities are to try to develop and extend the short term side of the business and to make progress on the long term problems. What the department needs is a blend of change and stability."

He added: "Clearly these are not easy times for the ECGD but there are many new ideas in hand and I shall hope to make a contribution to producing solutions."

At Barclays Mr Stephens has been responsible for all the trade and export facilities and has promoted the introduction of a number of new services. During his time at the ECGD he worked on the risk analysis of countries, headed the secretariat, headed one of the projects groups, and was principal finance officer. He began his career as a diplomat in the Commonwealth Relations Office and worked in Ghana and Kenya.

As a member of the Overseas Projects Board which advises the Government on aspects of winning major construction contracts, Mr Stephens is a strong supporter of the role of aid money in promoting British exports.

In the year to the end of March, the ECGD's borrowings from the Exchequer rose by £355 million to £756 million and are expected to reach £3 billion by the end of the decade because of the cash outflow from meeting claims payments. There was also an increase of almost £2 billion in sovereign debt risks to £8.9 billion.

Drexel role in bid war under SEC spotlight

From Our Own Correspondent, New York

The American Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the roles of Drexel Burnham Lambert, the Wall Street securities house, and Mr Saul Steinberg, an arbitrageur, in a failed bid last year for control of a defence contracting firm.

The SEC is looking into the possibility of insider trading in the shares of TRE, a Los Angeles-based company, prior to a bid battle.

Mr Burt Sugarman, a Hollywood producer who controls the Giant Group Ltd, waged a proxy fight to gain control of TRE's board, funded by junk bonds from Drexel and Jefferies & Co, a Los Angeles brokerage house. But last December the Aluminum Company of America thwarted his bid and acquired TRE for $330 million (£214 million).

Mr Steinberg, whose Reliance Group held a 5.8 per cent stake in TRE, is involved because the SEC is trying to determine whether interested parties were acting in concert with the Giant Group without disclosing it.

A spokesman for Mr Steinberg confirmed that an informal inquiry had been received from the SEC about TRE.

Allied Plant profits up

Allied Plant is to continue its acquisition policy, Mr Martyn Rose, the chairman, said yesterday. Reporting 1986 pretax profits up from £1.47 million to £1.64 million and earnings per share 36 per cent higher at 2.36p, he said that last year's acquisitions had largely been integrated.

He continued: "The consequent balance sheet strength and flexibility as well as the strong opening to the 1987 financial year gives ground for encouragement and should enable the group to extract improving returns from its existing asset-base." Trevor Crocker had taken longer than envisaged to respond to reorganization.

Circle K opens first of its 500 new UK stores

By Anne Warden

Circle K, the American stores group, yesterday opened its first new shop since acquiring Sperrings, the British chain, for £20 million last month.

It hopes the development, at Walmley, Sutton Coldfield in the West Midlands, will be the first of 500 new outlets in a £100 million investment programme spread over five years.

The "convenience" shops, selling everything from newspapers to groceries and staying open in the evenings, are an idea which Sperrings is credited with having brought to Britain from the US. Circle K, however, says it wants to play down the American image and give the new shops "an English flavour."

The group claims to be the second largest convenience store operator in the world, with 3,900 shops in countries including Japan and Indonesia as well as the US. It sees Britain as a foothold for expansion into Europe, with France the next target.

The West Midlands store is to be followed by another at Gatley, near Manchester.

The developments continue the move northwards by Sperrings, which had 84 stores at the time of the acquisition, and which was based in Southampton. The American group, which already had 20 shops in Britain, is also considering establishing outlets in north and North-east London and the Home Counties.

£10m aircraft sale by Short

Jersey European Airways yesterday took delivery of three Short 360 commuter airliners in a deal worth £10 million to the Belfast aircraft makers.

Jersey European, wholly owned by the Walker Steel stockholding group, will use the new aircraft built by Short Brothers on itsdomestic and cross-Channel routes linking Stanstead, Belfast, Paris, St Malo, the Channel Islands and Dublin.

APPOINTMENTS

Burrups Printing Group: **Mr Peter Rooke** has become divisional managing director, financial division and **Mr Tony Garnish** divisional managing director, commerical division.

Steetley Quarry Products: **Mr Michael Lodge** is now managing director.

Crest Homes: **Mr Dennis McCarthy** has been made building director.

Royal Doulton: **Mr Stuart Lyons** is to become chairman.

National Westminster Bank: **Mr John Bellamy** is now director, group compliance.

Oyston: **Mr Colin Burns** has become deputy managing director, **Mr Charles Smallwood** managing director, **Mr Peter Veitch** deputy managing director and regional director and **Mr Mike Bradbury** director, expansion, Oyston-Shipways.

Godwins: **Mr Hunter Devine** becomes managing director, succeeding **Mr David McLeish** who remains as chairman. **Mr Bernard Jones** and **Mr Tim Mitchell** become vice chairmen. **Mr Tim Coles** and **Mr Gordon Sharp** become directors.

IMI Wolverhampton Metal: **Mr J Pugh** has become managing director.

Seabay: **Mr Tom Omley** has become managing director and **Mr Robert Orr** a director.

Southern Counties Agricultural Trading Society: **Mr J F Griffith** has been named managing director, succeeding Mr John Ward, from September 1.

Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts: **Mr Henry Pomeroy** becomes director, corporate communications.

Declan Kelly Group: **Mr Douglas Rose** has been named managing director, Declan Kelly Commercial Developments.

Rendel Palmer & Tritton (Warrington): **Mr Tom Walsh** becomes managing director of the new company from April 1. **Mr Alan Bell, Mr Doug Elliott, Mr Colin Shaw** and **Mr Peter Wilde** join as assistant directors.

Greig Fester Group: **Mr G A Hoorda, Mr C J King, Mr R H Middleton** and **Mr P E F Watson** join the board.

Defense Industry Offset Assocation: **Mr C Allan Urban** has been elected chairman.

Vic Hallam: **Mr E M Delaney** has been made sales director.

Mansfield Brewery: **Mr Ron Kirk** has been named group financial and planning director from April.

Miss Selfridge: **Mr John Osborn** has become managing director.

Martin Ford: **Mr William Johnston** has been made chief executive designate of Martin Ford trading operation and joins the board next month.

Kimball International: **Mr Gil Kirkman** has been made vice-president.

Herrburger Brooks: **Mr Peter J Clarke** has been named a non-executive director.

Exco Futures: **Mr Oliver Lodge** joins as a director on March 23.

J A Devenish: **Mr R Benton** and **Mr R B Dillon** have been made non-executive directors.

Davidson Pearce Group: **Mr Jim Addison, Mr Brian Emsell** and **Mr Simon Yardley** have joined the board.

Seascope Insurance Holdings: **Mr Michael Eve** becomes chairman, non-marine and special risks division.

Yamaichi International (Europe): **Mr Lyn Hall** is joining the the board.

Express Dairy Co: **Mr Michael Smith** has become managing director. **Mr Colin Daniel** has been made finance and planning director, Express Foods Group.

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A YEAR OF PROGRESS

Year to 31 December 1986	1986 £'000	1985 £'000
Turnover	8,203	6,674
Profit before taxation	747	12
Profit after taxation	506	31
Earnings per share	0.56p	0.07p

- The year has been an eventful one during which the Group re-established a sound financial basis.
- In August 1986, the Company acquired 50 per cent of Chelsea Cloisters Developments for £1.6 million, and a portfolio of commercial investment properties for £7.5 million.
- In December 1986, the Company acquired Hippodrome House, Aldershot from Kleinwort Benson (Trustees) Limited for a consideration of £2.3 million.
- Funds managed by Kleinwort Benson now hold 11.85% of the share capital.
- Also in December 1986, the Company exchanged contracts for the sale of substantially the whole of its residential housing sites in Dorset and Hampshire for a total cash consideration of £3.74 million.
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	109.9	116.2●	+0.7	10.33
High Inc Equity	114.9	122.2	+1.1	4.25
Worldwide Bond	197.3	210.4●	-1.0	4.67
American Growth	170.2	181.0	-1.1	0.78
Asian Pacific	67.3	71.5	-0.4	1.58
Assets & Earns	136.3	145.0	+1.3	1.87
Capital Reserve	69.2	68.7●	+0.2	1.45
Comm & Energy	122.3	130.1●	+0.8	0.87
European Capital	93.9	99.8	-0.4	1.27
General	162.6	172.9	+1.4	2.46
Japan	80.6	85.7	+0.7	..
UK Growth Inc	131.1	139.4	+1.5	1.12
- Do Accum	189.4	201.4	+2.1	0.78
US Emerging Co's	61.8	65.7	-0.8	0.08
Equities Progress	254.3	270.5	+2.2	2.67
Mastertrust Acc	74.7	79.4	+0.2	2.06
American Inc	51.6	54.8●	-0.3	4.79
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	269.9	286.1●	+2.5	2.80
Growth & Income	158.2	167.7	+0.9	3.06
Capital Trust	267.9	284.0	+1.9	2.43
Balanced	430.4	456.2	+3.8	2.91
Accum Trust	657.4	696.8	+4.5	2.73
American Income	33.2	35.4●	-0.3	4.21
High Income Tst	291.2	308.7●	+3.5	4.21
Equity Income	165.5	175.4	+1.5	4.25
High Yield	168.6	178.7	+1.7	4.87
Govt Secs Trust	29.5	30.8	+0.2	7.82
International	101.5	108.1●	-0.1	0.75
Japan Fund	128.2	136.5	+0.2	0.01
Pacific Trust	211.6	225.3	+1.0	0.79
Amer Spcl Sits	73.1	77.9	-0.7	1.42
Secs Of Amer Tst	225.7	240.4	-2.4	0.47
Ald Asset Value	275.1	291.6	+2.0	2.87
Conv & Gilt Trust	39.7	42.0	+0.5	5.62
Smaller Co's	155.8	165.1	+0.9	2.64
2nd Smaller Co's	194.7	206.4c	-0.2	1.34
Recovery Trust	100.0	106.0	+0.7	1.76
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd				
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	474.2	494.3	..	0.64

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Portfolio Inc	83.6	89.4●	+1.1	2.36
Do Acc	141.8	151.7●	+1.8	..
North American	64.0	68.5	-0.4	1.27
Orient	92.5	98.9	+0.2	0.30
Exempt	271.6	290.5	+3.3	2.12
Recovery	65.7	69.5	+1.0	1.22
German	30.7	32.8	-0.4	0.49
Technology	137.5	147.1	-0.1	0.29
Europe	22.7	24.3	-0.1	0.77
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	61.8	65.7●	+1.6	2.20
General Inc (4)	279.2	292.4	..	1.57
Do Accum (4)	449.7	470.9	..	1.57
Income Fund (3)	121.8	127.3	..	4.96

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Accum (3)	217.7	227.3	..	4.96
Intl Inc (2)	151.0	157.5●	..	0.69
Do Accum (2)	201.4	210.0●	..	0.69
Smaller Inc (5)	78.6	83.0s	..	1.92
Do Accum	84.4	89.2s	..	1.92
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	91.8	97.7	+0.1	0.51
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	342.6	362.5	+1.3	2.63
Income	392.1	414.8	+1.5	4.06
Far East	251.7	266.3	-0.7	0.94
North American	171.9	181.9	-0.3	0.50
Global	56.3	59.6●	-0.6	0.76
European	56.3	59.6	-1.1	1.28
Japan	64.0	64.5	+1.2	0.00
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	418.1	444.8	+0.7	1.58
Income	339.8	360.6	+1.8	4.34
North American	325.0	345.8	-2.9	1.07
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	449.2		..	4.16
Fixed Int	138.75		..	10.31
Deposit	100.0		..	10.65
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	61.3	64.9	..	0.60
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	417.71		..	4.67
Accum	£12.2518		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.80
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Accum	179.4	190.8	+0.8	2.86
Do Income	153.4	163.6	+0.6	2.86
Higher Inc Accum	305.3	324.7	+2.8	3.72
Do Income	241.2	256.5	+2.2	3.72
Gilts/Fixed Accum	103.5	108.9●	+1.0	8.81
Do Income	83.4	87.7●	-1.6	8.61
Nth Amer Tst Accum	153.0	162.7	-1.3	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	181.6	193.1	+0.4	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	164.7	175.2	-0.9	0.67
General Trust	285.2	303.4c	+1.1	2.72
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	80.0	85.2	-0.7	0.18
Capital Fund	127.4	135.6	+0.2	0.18
UK Income Fund	87.9	93.6	+1.1	4.22

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far Eastern Fund	77.6	82.6	-0.2	0.00
Overseas Income	76.3	81.2	-0.1	3.31
Fixed Interest	59.7	63.5	+0.5	10.93
Natural Res Fund	58.3	62.1	..	2.78
European Income	85.8	91.3●	+0.1	2.79
Financials Fund	54.2	57.7	-0.1	2.60
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	58.1	61.8	+0.5	1.40
Do Accum	59.3	63.1	+0.5	..
Income Gth Inc	50.1	53.3	+0.3	5.30
Do Accum	53.8	57.2	+0.3	..
Service Co's Inc	65.2	69.4	+0.7	1.00
Do Accum	66.3	70.5	+0.7	..
Higher Inc	27.4	29.2	+0.1	7.00
Do acc	27.4	29.2	+0.1	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	119.4	127.1	-0.4	0.81
Amer Equity Income	35.8	38.1	-0.1	4.85
Amer Special Sits	57.9	61.7	+0.2	0.03
Australia	37.2	39.4	+0.1	2.59
European	51.7	54.8	-0.8	..
Far East Inc	38.5	40.8	-0.1	3.79
Gilt & Fixed Int	90.5		..	10.31
Growth & Income	114.6	122.0	+0.4	3.65
Japan Special Sits	47.6	50.6●	-0.5	..
Japan	159.0	163.2	-0.5	..
Managed Int	155.8	165.6●	-0.3	0.23
Max Income Equity	98.7	105.1●	-0.6	4.35
Professional Gth	41.9	44.9	+0.2	1.89
South East Asia	48.7	51.9	+0.6	0.01
Special Sits	214.6	228.4	+0.4	0.11
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£387.3	404.3	..	1.06
Japan Exempt	£474.8	484.3●	..	0.67
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0		..	5.80
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	62.6	67.2	..	6.33
N Amer Trust	123.4	131.3	..	0.68
Recovery	270.1	287.4	..	4.14
Gilt Trust	36.6	39.9●	..	8.06
St Vincent Inc	95.1	99.1●	..	4.72
St Vincent US Gth	80.3	83.7●	..	0.71
Temple Bar Sm Co's	209.5	221.0	..	3.08
Euro Gth Tst	50.6	53.7●	+0.2	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217918				
Hambros Smlr Co's	160.7	170.5●	+0.8	1.52
Hambros N Amer	72.1	76.5	-0.4	0.85
Hambros Jap & F E	138.5	146.9	+0.2	0.41

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Scandvn	82.0	87.0	+0.5	0.89
Hambros European	106.8	113.3	-0.8	0.81
Hambros Canadian	54.5	57.8	+0.4	1.12
Hambros Equity Inc	103.1	109.4	+0.9	4.30
Hambros High Inc	72.5	78.7c	+0.4	4.58
Hambros Res Assets	70.7	75.0●	+0.5	1.69
Hambros Intl Sits	61.2	64.9	+0.7	0.77
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	116.1	123.5	-0.3	0.18
Amer Smaller Co's	56.2	59.8	+0.1	0.01
Australian	92.0	98.0	+2.3	1.84
Capital Growth Inc	72.1	76.7	+0.7	1.41
Do Accum	83.8	89.1	+0.8	1.41
European	274.0	291.5	-0.4	0.95
Euro Inc Tst	48.9	52.0	-0.1	4.38
Euro Smaller Co's	114.1	121.4	-0.1	0.54
Extra Income	210.0	223.4●	+1.3	3.59
Financial Trust	183.1	194.8	+2.3	2.42
Fixed Interest Tst	53.0	56.2●	+0.1	9.75
Gilt Trust	42.7	45.3●	+0.4	9.32
Global Healthcare	87.1	93.2	+1.0	0.01
Global Inc.&Gth	65.8	70.0	+0.2	4.43
Global Resources	101.2	107.7●	+0.8	1.51
Global Tech	122.6	130.8	-0.9	0.64
Gold	71.3	75.8●	+0.1	2.04
High Income Tst	228.3	243.9●	+2.3	3.90
Hong Kong	74.0	78.7	-0.5	0.64
Income & Growth Inc	178.9	190.3	+2.6	2.85
Do Accum	354.8	377.4	+5.1	2.85
Income Assets	131.8	140.2●	+1.6	3.84
International	201.7	214.6	+1.0	0.74
Japan Special Sits	196.2	208.2	-0.5	0.01
Japan Tst	179.0	190.8●	+1.1	0.07
North American	158.4	168.4	-0.5	0.52
Pacific Smaller Co's	86.3	91.6	-0.8	1.09
Pref & Gilt	47.8	50.9●	-0.9	9.76
Recovery Tst	135.8	144.3●	+1.9	2.16
Singapore & Malay	39.0	41.5●	-0.4	0.87
Smaller Co's Div	146.4	155.7●	-0.1	4.19
Special Sits Inc	172.3	183.3●	+1.3	0.74
Do Accum	243.2	258.7●	+1.8	0.74
Worldwide	453.5	477.4	..	1.91
Euro Exempt	132.4	139.4c	-0.3	1.37
Global Tech Exempt	98.6	104.8	-0.2	0.83
High Income Exempt	147.6	155.4●	+1.3	4.21
Japan Exempt	183.7	195.5●	-0.1	0.20
N Amer Exempt	94.5	99.5	-0.3	1.53
Pacific Exempt	204.1	214.8	-1.3	2.08

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588 Dealing : 0245-266266				
Amer & Gen Inc	237.4	250.5●	-1.9	1.17
Do Accum	278.8	294.1●	-2.2	1.17
Amer Recovery	267.0	281.7	-2.3	0.34
Do Accum	292.1	308.2	-2.5	0.34
Am Smaller Co Acc	62.8	66.3●	-0.2	0.01
Australia Acc	144.1	152.0●	+1.6	0.49
Commodity Acc	277.8	292.9●	+1.9	2.32
Compound Growth	502.8	530.0	+1.2	2.78
Conversion Growth	388.9	412.2●	-2.3	2.27
Do Inc	216.7	228.6●	+0.2	5.17
Dividend Fund Inc	485.9	512.8	+1.2	4.48
Do Accum	£14.54	15.34	+0.06	4.48
European Acc	301.6	318.4	-1.0	0.95
Extra Yield Inc	269.4	284.2c	+0.9	5.01

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Accum	591.0	623.5	+1.9	5.01
Far Eastern Inc	174.6	184.2●	-2.1	1.09
Do Accum	214.6	228.4	-2.5	1.09
Fund Of Inv Inc	296.6	312.9	+0.8	2.44
Do Acc	470.4	495.3	+1.3	2.44
General Income	759.8	801.6	+1.1	3.31
Do Accum	£16.34	17.24	+0.02	3.31
Gilt & Fixed Int	59.8	62.8●	+0.5	9.23
Do Accum	95.5	100.3	+0.8	9.23
Gold Income	51.7	54.5	+0.6	1.98
Do Accum	55.6	58.7	+0.6	1.98
High Income Inc	377.0	399.8	+0.3	4.79
Do Accum	£10.36	11.01	+0.00	4.79
Intl Growth Inc	933.4	979.2●	+0.3	1.31
Do Accum	£13.49	14.23●	+0.00	1.31
Intl Inc	65.6	69.2	-0.1	4.73
Japan Acc	867.9	915.6	+8.0	0.13
Japan Smaller Acc	84.8	89.9	-0.4	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	731.1	771.3	-0.4	3.27
Do Accum	£18.45	19.49	-0.01	3.27
Recovery Fund Inc	464.6	490.1	-0.7	2.66
Do Accum	608.5	642.0	-1.0	2.66
Second Gen Inc	848.3	895.0	+0.7	3.18
Do Accum	£16.99	17.92	+0.01	3.18
Smaller Cos Inc	811.6	858.4●	+1.7	2.51
Do Accum	£12.92	13.83●	+0.02	2.51
Trustee Fund Inc	538.2	571.1	+1.4	3.74
Charibond Inc (3)	110.2		..	10.37
Charifund Inc (2)	473.0	477.8	..	4.90
Pension Exempt (1)	570.5	593.4	+4.2	3.85
NAACIF Inc (3)	41.6		..	7.93
Do Accum (3)	538.3		..	7.93
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gilt	61.7	62.6●	+0.1	0.35
Smaller Co's	177.3	188.8	+1.8	0.85
Special Features	108.7	115.9	+1.5	0.96
Do Accum	113.7	121.3	+1.5	0.96
General Funds				
UK Growth	44.6	47.6	+0.5	1.41
Managed Inv	63.2	67.4●	-0.1	1.36
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	63.6	67.8●	+0.5	6.55
Gilt	26.0	27.4	+0.2	8.79

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Acc	67.4	71.8	-0.8	1.80
European Acc	58.1	61.9	-0.3	0.70
Worldwide Acc	62.4	66.4	+0.1	1.20
NORWICH UT MANAGERS PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£14.39	15.15●	+0.08	3.08
Intl Trust	145.3	152.9	-0.6	0.95
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	153.9	163.7	..	0.42
Income & Growth	70.4	74.9	..	3.06
Worldwide Rec	103.9	110.5	..	1.61
American Growth	36.8	39.1●	..	..
Japan Growth	55.1	58.4	..	0.00
European Growth	77.7	82.7●	..	1.19
UK Growth	65.8	70.0	..	1.96
Pacific Growth	49.2	52.3	..	..
High Income	39.2	41.7	..	8.06
Practical Income	70.5	75.0	..	1.65
Do Accum	129.3	137.5	..	1.65
PEARL TRUST 252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	106.6	113.4	+0.7	2.07
Do Accum	159.8	170.0	+1.0	2.07
Income Fund	149.2	158.7	+1.2	3.18
Intl Equity Inc	151.3	161.0	+0.2	1.38
Do Accum	152.6	162.3	+0.1	1.38
Unit Trust Inc	154.3	164.2	+1.2	2.45
Do Accum	270.2	287.4	+2.1	2.45
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	312.0	333.0	+0.2	0.93
Income	227.8	242.4	+1.9	3.78
Worldwide Rec	173.6	185.3●	+0.2	1.38
Amer Growth	76.7	81.9●	-0.6	0.88
Intl Emerg Co's	98.7	100.1	+0.1	0.72
Far East Gwth	97.2	103.8	+0.1	0.77
European Gth	66.0	70.5	-0.1	1.05
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
0705 827733				
American Acc	150.6	160.2	-0.8	1.02
Australia Acc	85.7	91.8●	-0.4	1.14
European Inc	126.2	134.2	-1.0	0.94
Do Accum	130.2	138.5	-1.0	0.94
Extra Inc	71.6	76.1●	+0.3	6.61
Far East Gth Accum	70.3	74.7●	-0.5	0.00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	54.7	57.6●	+0.4	8.45
Gold Fund Inc	49.5	52.6	+0.1	1.62
Do Accum	52.1	55.4	..	1.62
Income Inc	209.9	223.2	+2.0	4.29
Do Accum	476.9	507.3	+4.3	4.29
Intl Income	129.3	137.6	-0.8	0.49
Do Accum	179.0	190.4	-1.0	0.49
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	136.5	145.2	-1.2	0.09
Sing & Malay Acc	80.8	85.9	-1.6	0.65
Smaller Co Inc Acc	162.6	172.9	+1.2	0.98
Special Sits Inc	131.0	139.3	+1.0	0.93
Do Accum	136.7	145.4	+1.0	0.93
Tokyo Fund Inc	242.8	258.2	-0.9	0.00
Do Accum	245.5	261.1	-0.8	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	57.3	60.9	-0.2	0.00
UK Equity Inc	123.5	131.3	+0.3	2.70
Do Accum	193.1	205.4	+0.5	2.70
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 33-36 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX 01-623 5776/8711				
UK Equity Inc	31.6	33.3●	..	4.71
Do Acc	32.5	34.8●	..	..
Euro Tst Inc	29.7	31.7	..	0.18
Do Acc	29.8	31.8	+0.1	..
Global Gth Inc	32.7	34.8	-0.1	0.85
Do Acc	32.8	34.9	-0.1	..
Managed Exempt	145.1	151.2	..	1.97
Pacific Basin	26.7	28.5	..	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	159.9	170.1	..	2.39
Do Accum	241.1	256.5	..	2.39
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	225.8	241.6	+2.1	1.45
American	164.9	176.4	-1.1	1.17
Pacific	218.9	234.2	+0.5	0.04

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Extra Income	129.5	138.5●	+0.6	6.47
Financial	31.9	33.5	+0.1	1.88
Gilt Income	102.6	107.6●	..	8.67
Gold Income	90.3	96.1	+0.5	0.52
Do Accum	166.0	176.0	+1.6	0.52
Income	100.3	105.9●	+0.6	3.90
Japan	112.0	118.5	+1.1	0.10
Pacific Inc	124.9	132.6	+0.6	0.60
Do Reinvest	153.2	162.9	-0.1	0.60
Pref Share Fd	18.1	19.3	..	9.47
UK Capital	93.2	98.0●	+0.9	1.23
Special Sits	117.2	124.4●	+1.1	0.50
Technology	56.5	59.7●	-0.7	0.10
World Income	65.2	69.4	-0.1	4.86
Worldwide Capital	171.0	181.4	+0.1	0.99
Equity Ex (3)	107.9	114.4	..	1.60
Do Accum (3)	204.2	218.4	..	1.60
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ 01-374 4595				
Euro Opp Inc	47.7	50.7	+0.4	0.99
Do Accum	47.7	50.7	+0.4	0.99
Far E Gen Acc	72.1	76.7	-0.5	0.84
Do Dist	72.1	76.7	-0.5	0.84
Japan & Gen	53.0	56.4	-0.1	0.91
N.Amer Gen Acc	54.5	58.0●	..	0.90
Do Dist	54.2	57.6●	-0.1	0.90
Oriental Inc	26.4	28.0	-0.2	2.69
Pacific Tech Acc	60.6	64.5	..	0.80
Do Dist	60.6	64.5	..	0.80
Tiger	81.0	86.1	-0.4	0.58
UK & Gen Acc	49.6	52.8●	+0.7	1.95
Do Dist	48.6	51.7●	+0.7	1.95
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 31, Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3QA 01 928-3356				
Smaller Co's	72.6	77.1	-0.1	0.00
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	47.2	50.2●	+0.2	0.50
General Growth	65.5	69.7	+0.5	1.51
Global Tech	60.0	63.8	+0.2	0.10
Income Growth	74.3	79.0	+0.9	4.35
Income Monthly	54.2	57.7	+0.3	5.95
Japan Growth	54.1	57.6	+0.4	0.12

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
01-628 8011				
Growth Fund	187.6	199.5	..	0.95
Income Fund	85.4	91.0●	..	3.96
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Shrt Dtd Gilt Fund	71.3	72.4	..	8.00
US Govt Bond Fd	50.6	51.0	..	..
Challenger	52.2	52.4	..	2.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	58.3	62.1	+0.5	6.32
Income	67.6	72.0	+0.3	4.05
Growth	70.7	75.3	+0.5	1.65

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum-all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
49¾	38¼	American Express	49⅛	-	+1½			
122	63	Argyle	112	115	●+1	2.9	2.5	34.1
40	25	Boustead	38	39	+1			
176	142	Britannia Arrow	173	175	-1	6.0	3.4	28.4
33	18	Daily Mail	29½	30½	+3	85.7	2.9	18.1
32	17½	Do 'A'	28½	29½	+3	85.7	3.0	17.5
181	153	Electra	177	179	..	5.9	3.3	41.1
179	91	Eng Trust	177	180	..	4.3	2.4	19.6
330	204½	Exco	328	330	+1	6.0	1.8	21.2
125	86	Exploration	122	127	● ..	3.3	2.6	18.4
930	600	Framlington	920	935	..	15.7	1.7	24.2
143	108	Frost Gp	140	145	..	7.1	5.0	15.4
241	183	GT Management	238	243	..	4.3	1.8	18.2
210	75	Goode Durrant	185	190	● ..	3.6	1.9	28.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Henderson Admn	[illegible]	12	..	22.1	1.8	22.8
230	153	ICH	220	223	-1	12.9	5.8	9.8
485	330	MAI	485	495	-1	25.0	5.0	10.5
[illegible]	220	M & G	267	271	..	7.5	2.8	19.8
408	252	Mercantile House	343	347	●-6	20.0	5.8	6.6
148	124½	Pacific Inv Tst	147	149	●+1	0.6	0.4	..
67	27½	Do Warrants	65	67				
196	148	Smith New Court	153	156	-1	10.0	6.5	7.8

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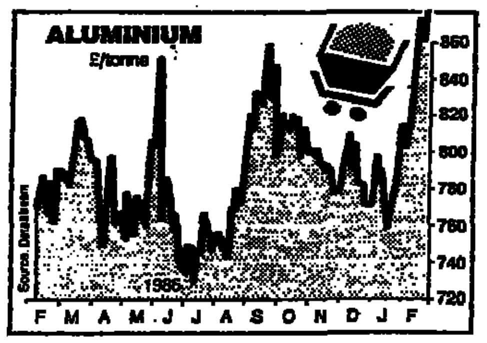

Strength of sterling had a generally bearish effect on the Metals, however Aluminium again held relatively firm yesterday. The market is still backed by the squeeze on April dates and also aided by news of another smelter closure- this time in West Germany. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE

Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Mar	90.00
Apr	89.00-85.0
May	79.00
Vol.	31

GAS OIL

Mar	132.00-31.50
Apr	134.00-33.75
May	133.75-33.25
Jun	134.25-34.00
Jul	135.50-34.50
Aug	140.00-35.25
Sep	140.00-34.50
Oct	140.00-32.00
Nov	140.00-31.75
Vol	6689

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)

FOB	
May	185.2-85.0
Aug	187.0-86.6
Oct	187.6-87.4
Dec	192.0-89.0
Mar	193.8-93.2
May	197.4-95.0
Vol	3561

COCOA

Mar	1292-91
May	1327-26
Jul	1355-54
Sep	1381-80
Dec	1406-04
Mar	1429-28
May	1449-47
Vol	3270

COFFEE

Mar	1480
May	1498
Jul	1512
Sep	1536
Nov	1557
Jan	1590
Mar	1600
Vol	12729

SOYABEAN

Apr	126.0-21.5
Jun	113.0-11.5
Aug	110.0-08.5
Oct	111.0-10.0
Dec	113.5-11.5
Feb	117.0-14.0
Apr	120.0-14.0
Vol	Nil

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	902.50-903.50
Three Months	908.50-909.00
Vol	5650
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	865.00-867.00
Three Months	300.00-301.00
Vol	300
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	308.00-309.00
Three Months	300.00-301.00
Vol	2950
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	470.00-471.00
Three Months	465.00-466.00
Vol	1550
Tone	Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	348.00-350.00
Three Months	357.00-359.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	348.00-350.00
Three Months	357.00-359.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	874.00-876.00
Three Months	853.00-854.00
Vol	275
Tone	Steadier

NICKEL

Cash	2415-2420
Three Months	2415-1420
Vol	60
Tone	Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 3

GB: Cattle, 93.03p per kg lw (+0.66)
GB: Sheep 179.21p per kg* (+2.78)
GB: Pigs, 77.07p per kg lw (+1.53)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 7.4 %, ave. price, 92.53p(+0.84)
Sheep nos. up 0.5 %, ave. price, 180.76p(+3.17)
Pig nos. up 1.5 %, ave. price, 77.57p(+1.33)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 9.3 %, ave. price, 94.25p(+0.15)
Sheep nos. down 2.7 %, ave. price, 172.62p(+1.03)
Pig nos. up 10.4 %, ave. price, 74.49p((+2.86)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Apr	97.50	97.50
Jun	98.20	98.50
Aug	95.00	95.00
Oct	97.00	98.50
		Vol: 12

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Apr	96.50	97.50
Jun	97.00	98.00
Aug	97.00	97.30
Oct	97.00	98.00
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	117.75	113.65
May	118.50	115.60
Jul	120.80	-----
Sep	98.75	98.15
Nov	100.85	100.05
Jan	103.80	102.80

Vol: Wheat 235
Barley 20

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Apr	171.0	167.0
May	183.0	181.5
Nov	90.00	90.00
Feb	95.00	100.00
		Vol: 1355

BIFFEX

G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	860.0-847.0	857.0
Jul 87	733.0-723.0	730.0
Oct 87	835.0-827.0	828.0
Jan 88	----	834.0

Vol: 463 lots Open Intst: 2437
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
858.0 up 2.5 on 2/3/87

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Cheap buying at the close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 23. Dealings end on Friday. §Contango day March 9. Settlement day March 16.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 22

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
2	Watson & Philip	Foods	
3	Preedy (Alfred)	Drapery,Stores	
4	CASE	Electrical	
5	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
6	Micro BS	Electricals	
7	Midland (aa)	Banks,Discount	
8	Lillesball	Industrials L-R	
9	Radiant Metal	Industrials L-R	
10	Robinson (Thomas)	Industrials L-R	
11	Southend Stadium	Property	
12	Smith (WH) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
13	Granada (aa)	Industrials E-K	
14	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
15	Banks (Sidney C)	Foods	
16	SA Breweries	Breweries	
17	Valin Pollen	Paper,Print,Adv	
18	Cambridge Elect	Electricals	
19	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
20	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
21	Pressac	Electricals	
22	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
23	Western Selection	Electricals	
24	Aberdeen Constr	Building,Roads	
25	DAKS Simpson 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
26	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
27	Alexandra W'wear	Industrials A-D	
28	Warrington (T)	Building,Roads	
29	Moss Bros	Drapery,Stores	
30	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
31	Kennedy Brookes	Hotels,Caterers	
32	Morland	Breweries	
33	Hardys & Hansons	Breweries	
34	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
35	Marshalls (Halifax)	Building,Roads	
36	Storehouse (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
37	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	Breweries	
38	Evode	Chemicals,Plas	
39	Alphameric	Electricals	
40	Kode	Electricals	
41	Blick	Electricals	
42	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
43	Wace	Paper,Print,Adv	
44	Young 'A'	Breweries	
	© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

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Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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BRITISH FUNDS

1986 High Low Stock Price Ch'ge Int. only yld% Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
568	444	BAT (aa)	540	542	-2	18.4	3.4	14.1
168	123	Carreras	135	140	..	..	..	
235	135	Rothmans 'B'	222	234	..	10.0	4.3	8.2

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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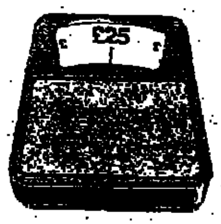

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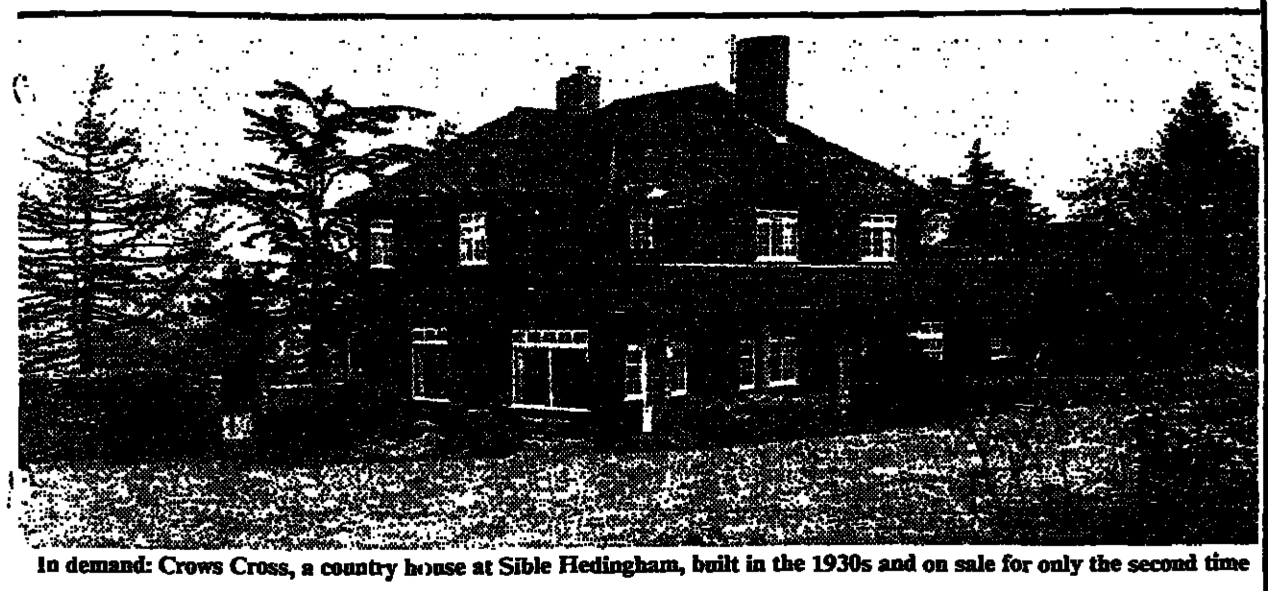

In demand: Crows Cross, a country house at Sible Hedingham, built in the 1930s and on sale for only the second time

The fast lane to higher prices

By Christopher Warman

Property Correspondent

When the Essex Hunt met at Wimbish, near Saffron Walden, last week, the members included not only local farmers, but also several businessmen from London, a former chairman of Lloyd's, a government minister's wife, an undertaker, a greengrocer and a window cleaner.

They demonstrated, as they sipped their warming cherry brandy before moving off to chivvy foxes, both the classless nature of the hunt and the variety of people who gather in north-west Essex. It is an increasingly popular area, especially for those who work in London. Access to the capital is now very good, although this area remains a largely rural corner of Essex.

The M11 and the electrified rail line to Liverpool Street have cut journeys to an hour or less, and Audley End station, close to Saffron Walden, claims the highest number of top City commuters on its platforms. Its extended and full car park testifies to its day-time population migration.

The villages have remained relatively unspoilt, with building confined to the envelope around every one, and the consequent shortage of land inevitably tends to push prices up where development is allowed. One benefit of the motorway has been the relief it has afforded to villages on the old A11, such as Newport with its splendid 18th-century main street.

New building blends in with the old villages

Both the M11 and the railway have also helped to increase prices in the past three or four years. Bruce Munro, of Sworders, based in Saffron Walden, calculates that house prices rose by about 20 per cent last year. "There is tremendous demand both for residential and commercial property," he says. "The London property firms are now coming into Saffron Walden and the prices have gone up substantially."

A greengrocer's shop in the town, which was worth about £100,000 a year ago, is expected to fetch more than £150,000 at a forthcoming auction. Business premises costing £295,000 have increased in value to £425,000 in a year, and during that time the value on *average has risen from £20* a *square foot* to £28 or £30.

Another sign of the demand is that any property that can be converted into a house is being snapped up. A drive *around the area yields* an *immediate* tally of a converted windmill, three barns or groups of barns, and a chapel that is having an extension built in the local yellow brick.

Where new housing is built in the villages, a great effort is made to blend it in with existing property, and much is built in the vernacular, with flint, overhanging roofs and patterned plaster to recall the old art of pargetting.

Mr Munro says the Stansted airport expansion has not yet had a great effect on prices. That may come next. Meanwhile, several 16th-century and 17th-century buildings that would have had to be demolished to make way for the airport expansion are being physically moved to new sites, with help from the *British Airways Authority.*

Properties on the market through Sworders in this attractive part of Essex include a late Georgian farmhouse set in two acres of garden and paddocks at *Howlett End, Wimbish. The part-brick,* timber-framed house, four miles from Saffron Walden and six miles from Audley End station, has been modernized recently and has three reception rooms, four bedrooms, and a self-contained suite. The grounds include a 60ft long old Essex barn and a range of farm buildings.

The agents are asking for offers of around £200,000.

Just down the road another Georgian farmhouse is for sale. Terriers Farmhouse, Sampford Road, is a late Georgian house, one mile from Thaxted. It is built of brick, has double gables and is surrounded by an ancient moat. Beside it is a group of farm buildings set around a courtyard, including a fine 18th-century brick barn. The restored and modernized house has four reception rooms, a conservatory and five bedrooms, and is set in five acres.

The property is for sale either as a whole at more than £210,000, or in two lots, with the house and most of the land priced at around £180,000.

In a lower price bracket, a former Victorian chapel in the village of Little Walden, *near Saffron Walden,* already partly converted, is to be auctioned next month. The brick building, occupied as a dwelling for many years, has tall double-hung sash windows and high ceilings, *and recent extensions at the rear. It needs* further restoration and the local authoritiy has indicated that it might be suitable for grant aid.

It is to be auctioned at the Town Hall, *Saffron Walden, on April 7, with a guide* price of £30,000-£35,000. Details: Sworders. 0799 22628.

Black cedar outside, plenty of oak inside

Further east, Crows Cross, a more *recently built country house, near the* north Essex village of Sible Hedingham, is for sale through Strutt & Parker's Chelmsford office. It was built in the early 1930s by a local businessman, and is for sale for only the second time. On a brick plinth, the house is of timber-framed construction with black cedar weatherboard frontages, and with plenty of oak inside.

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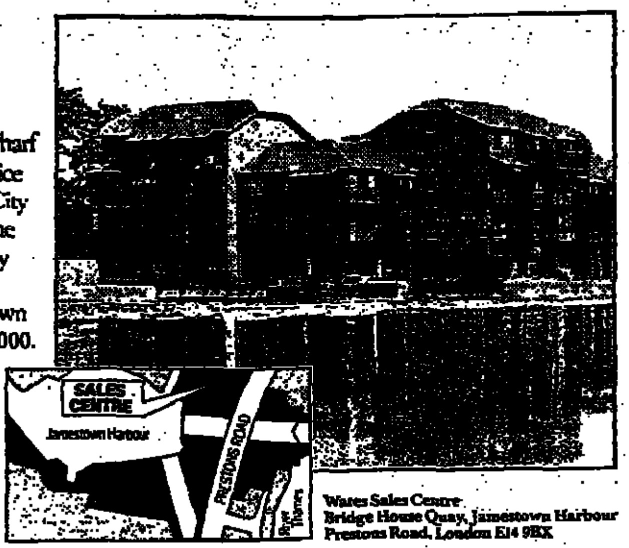

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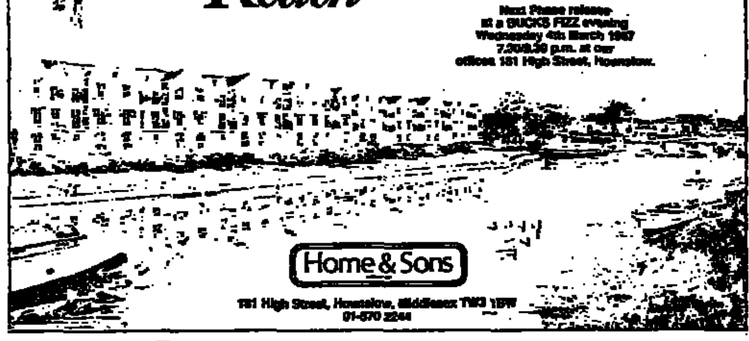

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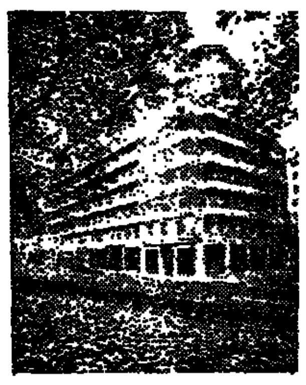

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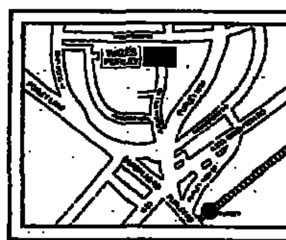

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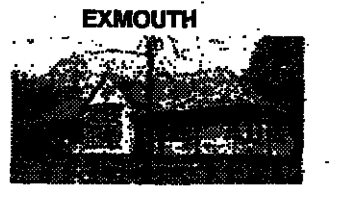

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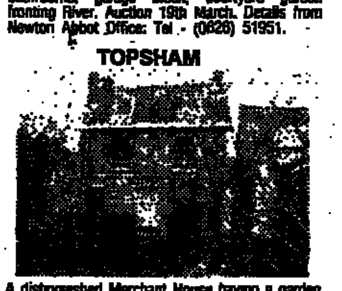

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Law Report March 4 1987

Unlawful aspect of parole policy

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Handscomb and Others

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Mann and Mr Justice Nolan

[Judgment March 2]

The policy of the Home Secretary in the administration of the parole system for the release of prisoners on licence, announced in Parliament on November 30, 1983, had been applied by him irrationally and unreasonably in cases of discretionary life sentences by delaying three or four years from the date of sentence before consultation with the judiciary on the time to be served to satisfy the requirements of retribution and deterrence.

Furthermore, the Home Secretary was obliged to accept the judicial view of tariff and would act irrationally and unreasonably if he imposed his own view.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when it considered applications for judicial review by four prisoners, Brian Handscomb, Alan Cook, William Arthur Pate and Kenneth Quinn, all of whom had been given sentences of life imprisonment. The court adjourned consideration of the precise terms of the orders.

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Handscomb and Cook; Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Pate and Quinn; Mr John Laws for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the applications related to the exercise of the Home Secretary's powers under section 61(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.

In *In re Findlay* ([1985] AC 318) the House of Lords held that the Home Secretary's change of policy had been lawfully made.

The Home Secretary had written to Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, in 1983 having reviewed the processing of life sentence cases, and said:

"I am ... grateful to you for agreeing so readily to my proposal that an initial judicial view on the 'tariff' should be obtained at an early stage in the sentence. This would enable a more realistic date to be fixed for the first formal review and thus reduce the likelihood of subsequent conflict between the prisoner's progress and expectations and the views of the judiciary on retribution and deterrence."

On April 1, 1985 it was made clear in a written answer in Parliament that the 1983 policy applied to discretionary as well as to mandatory life sentences.

His Lordship summarized certain features of the policy:

1 No distinction was drawn at the time of the initial consultation with the judiciary between mandatory and discretionary life sentences.

2 Subject to very few exceptions, no consultation took place until a prisoner had been detained for three to four years (two years in the cases of young offenders).

3 What the Lord Chief Justice and the trial judge were being asked to provide was a figure (the tariff) representing a term of years during which a prisoner should be detained to serve only the twin purposes of retribution and deterrence, that is, they were asked to say what would have been an appropriate tariff in the circumstances of the case if a determinate and not a life sentence could have been passed when the prisoner was sentenced, without considering risk.

The risk element was present in the judicial mind when a discretionary life sentence was passed, but the element of continuing risk was the concern of the prison authorities and doctors, the local review committee, the Parole Board and the Home Secretary.

4 The views of the judges as to tariff were intended to have a decisive bearing in all cases upon the decision as to when the first reference to the local review committee would take place, that is, three years before the end of the tariff period. Special circumstances might serve to bring forward that time.

5 About three years at least was likely to elapse from the reference to the local review committee to the granting of parole during which time the Parole Board studied the case, the judges were again consulted in accordance with section 61(1) of the 1967 Act and the Home Secretary considered whether or not to release the prisoner on licence if recommended to do so by the board.

6 In the case of every prisoner subject to a life sentence, whether or not special circumstances existed was decided upon information arising out of observations regularly kept upon him by the prison authorities and doctors.

His Lordship said that it was a matter of confidence between the Home Secretary and the judiciary in every case what advice the Lord Chief Justice and the trial judge had given.

When passing a discretionary life sentence a judge rarely, if ever, said what term of years he would have imposed had he imposed a determinate sentence.

In Spring 1985 the Home Secretary asked for letters from judges in all life sentence cases and the Lord Chief Justice urged them to comply. The views of the judiciary requested were in the nature of general observations on the case, its seriousness for example.

The risk element was not the judge's concern in fixing the tariff but, although it did not form part of the tariff, it would be unsafe to assume that some observation was not made on that aspect.

When final pre-release consultation took place, the expression of views on risk was in many cases not only appropriate but unavoidable.

His Lordship found disquieting the conflicting evidence of the Home Office on the explanation of the process of internal review of a prisoner's case; two officials stated that the date of the first review was not determined solely by reference to the tariff but another asserted the contrary.

The court was not helped as to why the Home Secretary chose the span of three to four years to come between the passing of sentence and the request for the tariff, and there was no logic in its existence in the absence of explanation.

His Lordship could not understand why the judges should not be asked to give their views on the tariff immediately after a life sentence had been passed: the facts of the case and the impression the prisoner made on the trial judge would be fresh in his mind.

Thus at the outset of custody the Home Secretary could set in motion the process of selecting the date for the first review and the process of causing those who advised him to watch for signs of special circumstances or exceptional progress.

There were no advantages in delaying for three or four years the ascertainment of the tariff; in some cases there might be advantage in obtaining the tariff very soon after the sentence was passed.

The court was not informed as to whether the Home Secretary took into account whether remission applied when fixing the date for the first review, but his Lordship suspected that the judge's tariff was applied without reduction for remission and became the equivalent of the answer to the question "How long should this prisoner remain in custody as punishment for his crime?"

It might be that the problems arising from the application of the tariff had arisen from a failure to foresee them, or to examine them profoundly before and after the 1983 policy applied to discretionary life sentences.

It was plain that in so important a matter as how long a person remained in prison that the application of that policy should not give rise to anomalies.

It had to be emphasized that the broad concept of the policy was unassailable, but it was equally right to say that if injustice was found to flow from the application of a particular part of it, a remedy for that might be available on judicial review. A minister could not lawfully maintain a policy when the application of it was, in part at least, shown to give rise to injustice.

It was justifiable for the Home Secretary to maintain that the system gave a prisoner no expectation that he would serve less than he deserved; if that were otherwise, there was no doubt that the public would deplore it.

The real question was, however, whether there was a danger, given that there was no right to parole, that a prisoner would serve longer than he should.

By not obtaining a judicial view until three or four years had gone by, that led in almost every case to the equivalent of a nine-year fixed term sentence (three years before request to the judges, three years review process and three years notional remission).

His Lordship failed to detect flexibility there but he detected a basis for complaining, as the applicants did, that in some instances time spent in custody might be excessive and beyond the contemplation of the sentencer.

Accordingly, there was irrationality in delaying three or four years before obtaining the initial judicial view and, furthermore, unreasonableness.

His Lordship did not doubt that it was to be inferred from the evidence that the Home Secretary considered he was not obliged to accept the judicial view of tariff and might impose his own view.

That was a clear case, in his Lordship's view, of irrationality and unreasonableness: if he was not to be guided by the judges on retribution and deterrence, where else could he look for guidance?

It had to be stated clearly that the policy was not faithfully adhered to unless proper criteria existed properly to determine the question of special circumstances or exceptional progress; if one of those criteria existed a prisoner might be released before the expiration of the tariff.

Mr Justice Mann and Mr Justice Nolan agreed.

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No ground of appeal

Regina v Gautam

It had to be clearly understood that if defending counsel in the course of his conduct of the case made a decision or took a course which later appeared to have been mistaken or unwise, that generally speaking had never been regarded as a proper ground of appeal.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Henry) so stated on February 27, when dismissing with costs limited to £200 an appeal by Dharmendra Kumar Gautam from conviction at Southwark Crown Court (Mr Recorder J. D. Crowley, QC and a jury) of theft of five books from a shop, for which he was fined £50 and ordered to pay taxed prosecution costs.

MR JUSTICE TAYLOR, giving the judgment of the court, said that the attention of their Lordships had been drawn to *R v Irwin* (*The Times* February 25) where an appeal was allowed and the conviction quashed because counsel had, without instructions from his client, declined or failed to call alibi evidence.

Their Lordships had not seen a full transcript of that judgment and it might be that, in the particular circumstances of that case, what had happened could be described as a material irregularity.

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"We know, without doubt, we have a smash hit on our hands. We have the evidence that more people want to buy tickets for these Winter Games than any other in history. It's forced us to undertake a study to expand the capacity of all our venues. We've already done that at three of them and are doing all we can to enlarge the others as well."

Yet, caution is still a word that figures in the King vocabulary. "When people say there is no way we can go wrong, I grab for my seat-belt because there are always ways things can go wrong," he says.

But such is the massive financial backing secured for the Games, that $48m (about £22.3m) has been put aside in a contingency fund *just in case. In addition* a further $100m is being invested to ensure that after the Games are over, all the major facilities, most of which are brand new, will receive continued use and maintenance.

"The Calgary Olympics are going to create an enormous legacy for the city. From the beginning we set ourselves an *Olympian* challenge to stage the best Winter Games and we're confident, though not cocky, that we'll succeed."

Across Canada, in Montreal they are still paying the price of the biggest financial disaster in sporting history following the ill-fated 1976 Summer Games. "They were sponsored by the city of Montreal," points out King. "We have followed the Americans in Los Angeles and relied on private enterprise. Our revenue from television alone will be ten times what it was in Montreal." Therein lies a tale of how the Canadians pulled a fast one on the Americans. They sold the exclusive television rights to ABC for a staggering $309m — one of the biggest sporting contracts ever negotiated. "For all I know, it is the biggest," said King.

It was signed a month before the last Winter Games in Sarajevo on the back of some unique United States triumphs in the previous Olympics in Lake Placid, when the likes of Eric Heiden, the all-conquering speed-skater, and the United States ice hockey team, who beat the Soviet Union in the final, drew massive television audiences in the United States.

In contrast, the Sarajevo Games, with the exception of Bill Johnson's gold medal in the downhill, were a disaster for the Americans. "If we'd left the television deal until after Sarajevo, *it's fair to say we* wouldn't have received anything like as much as we did," admits King.

"But we can't take all the credit for that. It was the Juan Samaranch, the Olympic president, who convinced us to tie up the *deal when we did. All we can do is* pat ourselves on the back for listening to him and taking his advice."

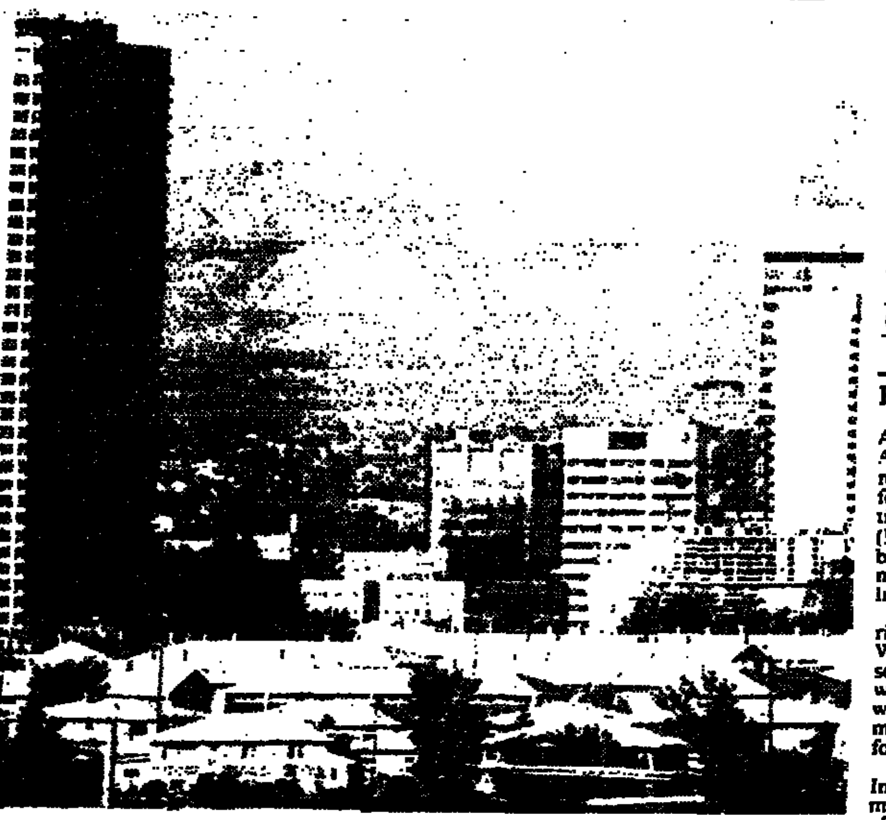
With the world's other television networks also having to fork out record contracts, total income from sponsorship, television and the sale of tickets for the 16 days of competition next February, *amounts to over $500m.*

In addition King's working committee of over 330 employees, who have taken over the tenth floor of the new City Hall in Calgary, have the full backing and co-operation of all three levels of government. Another $200m has been provided by the federal Government with the proceeds from national lotteries and the sale of Olympic coins and stamps.

World's largest suspended ceiling gives perfect view

The provincial government of Alberta have forked out $125m in the form of *facilities, having paid for the development* of the alpine skiing site at Nakiska on Mount Allen, for the Canmore Nordic centre, which is the venue for the cross-country skiing, Nordic combined and biathlon, and for a third of the cost of the $100m Olympic Saddledome, with the world's largest concrete suspended ceiling, providing unobscured viewing for over 17,000 spectators, and which is the venue for the ice hockey and figure skating events.

Nothing, says King, is being left to chance. "We've travelled all over the world, to every Olympic venue, making sure we've covered every detail. Advisers from Los Angeles fly in every week and we've also bought and updated the computer software *system from Sarajevo* which can now produce copies of results within 15 seconds of the end of competitions."



Nothing rocky about Calgary: the prairie capital has got what it takes

The only uncertainty, it seems, is the weather, though for the first time in Olympic history all skating events, including speed skating, will be held indoors with every ski course supplied and fitted with state-of-the-art snow-making equipment, complete with computerised monitors.

Calgary, in fact, claims 20 per cent more year-round sunshine than Hawaii, due in the main to its longer days in summer. "It's *been an extremely mild winter this year,* with hardly any snow at all," added King. "But we've still got through our entire pre-Olympic programme. When we won the bid to stage the Games we literally started with no facilities and no money. We've come a long way in six years. Now we're inviting everyone to Come Together in Calgary."

Already it seems, the stampede is underway.

Olympic flame burns in Samoa

DAVID MILLER, Chief Sports Correspondent, continues his tour of *Olympic outposts with Juan* Samaranch, IOC president

Pago Pago, American Samoa

The United States territory of American Samoa, first ceded to America in 1902, yesterday received their Olympic flag in formal recognition of their National Olympic Committee (NOC), and their Government burst into song. It was one of the most beautiful moments in a lifetime of reporting sport.

The Samoans have voices as ringingly melodious as the Welsh . . . They sing with their souls, in close harmony and without instruments, and would, I suspect, win the gold medal at any Olympic Eisteddfod.

Their recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), with the approval of the United States Olympic Committee, provided them, as it does all such tiny nations, with a day of rare pride. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, was accompanied by Ati Lutali, the Governor Chief, and John Samia, the NOC president, to the legislative centre where the Senate and elected representatives awaited them in collar and tie and lava-lava, the national costume skirt.

The vocal welcome was not a total surprise, for the delegation had just arrived from Western Samoa, where for two days they had been festooned with flower garlands of intoxicating scent and with Polynesian melodies. The farewell in Apia saw Cardinal Pio, a man of serene Christianity, take part in a *formal* Polynesian breakfast dance after conducting Mass.

South Pacific wins mariners' hearts

It is no revelation to say that the South Pacific captures your heart. A member of Sweden's Admiral's Cup team at Cowes in 1985 kept heading south, via the Canaries and Galapagos, and is still enjoying a tranquil life here on board his boat. "It is better than North Atlantic weather and Swedish taxes," he says.

Pago Pago is one of the world's most scenic natural harbours. Mariners who glide through the narrow deep-water entrance and turn to port, are confronted by a haven two miles long and half a mile wide lying beneath tree-covered cliffs a thousand feet high. The United States first approached the independent kingdom to use this *port as a naval base. Sadly,* the harbour is now disfigured by massive tuna-canning factories which provide 98 per cent of American Samoa's exports.

Mr Samaranch was treated to one of the most spectacular competitions in sport, regrettably not an Olympic event. The Samoans are currently training for the long-boat championships on flag day, April 17. The boats, once warring craft and massively, but finely built in wood, nowadays cost £7,000. They are 92ft long and are driven by 48 oarsmen, who are kept in rhythm by a helmsman and a drummer.

The championship course is *over three miles* beyond the reef at sea, a challenge requiring exceptional strength and fitness. Boats represent a village or district. Yesterday, Pago Pago Eagle was challenged by Nuuli Satan, which arrived dramatically through the rolling swell for the start at 7.30 a.m..

The delegation was perched in vacant spaces at bow and stern in the two craft, though Philip Coles, an Australian IOC member and three times an Olympic canoeist, took one of Satan's oars: and paid with blisters.

It was an exhilarating experience as two lines of huge knotted muscle drove the boats through the water like foaming torpedoes at more than 12 knots. What an Olympic sight this would be. Over 1½ miles inside the harbour, rival blades clashing frenziedly several times, Eagle won by half-a-length.

Samaranch orders four rowing shells

So impressed was the IOC president that he asked Mr Coles to arrange for two fours' shells to be sent to the new NOC to give them a taste of conventional rowing. Tolani Teleso, Eagle's coach and the professional at the local golf course, is delighted at the prospect. A former international rifle marksman in the United States Army who coached members of the 1968 Olympic team, Teleso is one of three professionals coaching Samoan long-boats.

Few sportsmen are fitter than the Samoan oarsmen, who have normal jobs and train at daybreak and again in the evening.

The island's new Olympic status is especially gratifying one-upmanship on Hawaii, their long-standing rivals. Now the Samoans can send their own team to Seoul next year, however modest, from their 30,000 population, while Hawaii, with a million inhabitants, remain just another US State. Samoan boxers will not disgrace themselves: they won two gold medals and three silver at the Oceania championships last year.

The cloud on the horizon, however, lies in the disorganization among some officials of the new committee. John Samia, who has worked for 30 years to keep sport afloat in American Samoa, is now elderly, and too many of his successors have no idea of the difference between Government departments and sport. They must learn fast.

SPORTS LETTERS

Conjecture on risk of injury is aroused by surface tension

From Dr J G P Williams

Sir, Mr Wright's letter of 25 February amply illustrates the unwisdom of assuming that just because one artificial surface is dangerous under certain circumstances all may be so. It also illustrates the dangers of anecdotal 'evidence'.

There is a wide variety of different types of artificial turf (and indeed other artificial surfaces) for sports fields, some of which are extremely safe (and tend to reduce injuries) whereas *others are not. Furthermore, the* extent to which artificial surfaces are safe depends as much on the footwear used by the sportsman as on the characteristics of the surface itself.

Properly constructed and maintained artificial turfs and other surfaces on which players use appropriate footwear drastically reduce injury. By the same token badly conceived and constructed or ill-maintained artificial surfaces on which inappropriate footwear is used will increase injury — as to the same extent will natural surfaces. All the injuries which Mr Wright describes occur with monotonous regularity on natural surfaces particularly under the circumstances indicated.

There is already a wealth of information available relating to artificial surfaces which clearly indicate their advantages (including prevention of both short and long-term injuries) and *disadvantages under different* working conditions. It is a matter of regret that the multifactorial nature of the problem does not appear to be clearly understood, so that between ignorance and prejudice the advantages that such surfaces can offer may go unrealised.

Yours faithfully,
DR J G P WILLIAMS MD, MSc, FRCS, FRCP,
Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre,
Farnham Royal,
Slough, Bucks.
February 25.

From Mr J R Anderson

Sir, In the arguments for and against artificial pitches much has been made of the 'unnatural' bounce but of equal importance is the lack of friction between ball and playing surface. This results in the speed and length of a pass being almost impossible to control and explains why players skilled on grass have so *much difficulty in adjusting to* the changed conditions of play.

Inevitably, it also results in the so-called one-touch, long ball tactics and a negation of many of the skills which make football so attractive to the onlooker.

Incidentally, whilst sympathising with Blackpool's plight, it is to be hoped that the League will block what would be a *de facto* move to spread the use of an artificial surface purely by transferring the venue of matches to the grounds where that facility is already tolerated.

Yours sincerely,
J R ANDERSON,
4 Vardon Drive,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire.
February 25.

ITV initiative welcomed

From Sir David Innes Williams and others

Sir, The Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) has played a major role in increasing the public's awareness of the dangers of smoking, our research *indicating that one in four of* life-time average smokers is killed by smoking, on average, 10 to 15 years ahead of his or her time. And recent studies in the ICRF's Clinical Trials and Epidemiology Unit further indicate that passive smoking may be responsible for as much as a 30 per cent increase in lung cancer in those who do not smoke but are regularly in the presence of smokers.

We feel that television sponsorship of sporting events by tobacco interests largely negates the effect of the ban on advertising of tobacco products and must therefore tend to encourage smoking particularly in the young. We therefore applaud the courage of Independent Television in banning tobacco-sponsored sport from ITV and Channel 4, and hope that this ban will strengthen the hand of the BBC in resisting tobacco sponsorship of sport and increase the pressure for a tougher stance.

Yours faithfully
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MAJOR-GENERAL A W DENNIS
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February 26

Defending Oxford

From Dr J M Barry

Sir, Recent accusations that Oxford crews are packed with aged foreign graduate students, reading dubious degrees, have spurred me to summarize the credentials of the 55 men and one woman who competed in Oxford crews from 1976 to 1985 when we won every Boat Race, and once broke the time record. Their average age was 22 years. Four were American, three Australian, three Canadian and the remainder British. Only nine initially took post-graduate courses, three gaining the D.Phil. (the most demanding post-graduate degree), one an M.Sc., one an M.Litt., and one the Diploma in Social Studies, *while the remainder* are still completing D.Phil., BM and M.Litt courses. The performance of the remaining 47 who took undergraduate courses was as follows. All were awarded degrees with the following results: 1st class, five: 2nd class, 30: 3rd class, 11; Pass, one. Four of these men later took the D.Phil and one the BCL (one also gained a boxing blue, was elected President of the Union, and is now an MP).

Your correspondents are proposing that we now confine the Boat Race to undergraduates, although graduates of both universities have regularly participated since 1842. Graduate students are junior members and it would seem unfair to exclude them from University teams, and no British University that I know of does so. Their participation in men's teams at Oxford is particularly needed at the moment when the number of male undergraduates has fallen by about 20 per cent with the recent admission of women to all colleges. The small flow of graduates into Oxford crews had had a disproportionately large effect on their quality. It is doubtful whether the four Oxford men from 1976-85 who went on to represent Britain in the Olympics would have done so if their Boat Race crews had not been leavened by a few foreign graduates with experience of international competition.

It is even suggested that the Boat Race should be limited to Britishers, but this is *unthinkable.* Foreigners (many of them Rhodes Scholars) have rowed for Oxford since 1861 with great benefit to all involved. In particular the 20 odd living American rowing blues contribute *enormously to* Anglo-American friendship, and provide continuing loyal support for the University in the USA. Nor are there any regrets in Oxford this year at having admitted the Americans who have been dropped from the University crew in a rowing dispute that is unusual only in the publicity it has aroused. All these men are pursuing their studies well and taking an active part in other aspects of University and college life, and we can only feel embarrassment at the unpleasant attacks to which they have been subjected in the British press and in their mail.

Yours faithfully,
J M BARRY (Treasurer, Oxford University Boat Club),
St John's College, Oxford.
February 16.

From Mr E M Hall

Sir, Commenting on the Church Synod's debte on the ordination of women priests, your reporter Alan Franks (February 27) wrote that "it seemed like a churchy version of the Boat Race, in which the losers of a decade's standing (True Blue perhaps, but of a lightish variety), were on the brink of a breakthrough against a darker kind." Paradoxically, Mr John Gummer, one of the "darker" blues according to *Mr Franks's* simile, is a Cambridge man, and therefore a Light Blue, in rowing terms.

Like myself, he is a graduate of Selwyn College, and I wonder whether he noted, in your rowing report of February 27, that the third boat of the Anglican foundation bumped a crew called "Theological Colleges". Perhaps there is an omen here.

Yours faithfully
E M HALL,
6 Fair Mile,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxon.

Dropping a name

From Mr B A Blatch

Sir, It is reported that Wimbledon Football Club may merge with Crystal Palace. Will they be called Wimbledon Palais?

Yours faithfully,
B A BLATCH,
2 Eton College Road,
Hampstead, NW3.

Optical dilemma

From Mr T Carswell

Sir, The current England full back, Marcus Rose, apparently wears contact lenses during games. It was reported that in the recent international in Dublin a problem with them contributed to him having to *leave the field just before half-*time, an event which could well have had an effect on the outcome of the game.

When my optician supplied my soft contact lenses he advised strongly that I should not play rugby in them as they could become dislodged or fall out altogether in a severe upper-body impact of the sort commonly sustained in rugby. If this is correct, and it seems reasonable enough, then, with all respect to Marcus Rose's undoubted ability, is it right for the England selectors to pick a man to play in a vital position who may, as we saw in Dublin, have significant problem *with his* lenses?

Yours faithfully,
T CARSWELL,
Clover Cottage,
Pingle Lane,
Morcott,
Rutland.
February 25.

The meaning of British

From Mr A Gardner

Sir, Following your coverage of Dundee United's continued success in Europe and of the activities of the hooligan element among England's following in Spain, can I suggest that the following is inserted in all English language dictionaries?

BRITISH (adj) — a word used by English newspapers to describe Scottish football teams when they are doing well, and English football supporters when they are behaving badly.

Yours faithfully,
A GARDNER,
Hillingdon,
Hillcrest,
Collingham,
Nr Wetherby,
W Yorkshire.
February 24.

GOLF

Praise for work of foundation

By Mitchell Platts

Henry Cotton, three times Open champion, yesterday praised the enormous progress being made by the Golf Foundation following their 34th annual general meeting.

Mr Cotton, a founder member of the foundation in 1952, and now in his 80th year, said: "I can remember when it all began. I wrote to the headmasters at 12 different schools offering to give the students a lesson in golf. From that I like to think the Golf Foundation was born.

"We now teach golf at more than 1,500 schools around the country which creates in the region of 50,000 new golfers each year. The Golf Foundation is instrumental in teaching and telling the young people of this world all about the game we love."

At the annual general meeting, Tony Wheeler, their chairman, pointed out that while the foundation had a surplus of £28,090 for the 1985-86 *financial year,* there was no reason to be complacent. He said: "At present the financial position is a healthy one. But it is a fact that 35 per cent of our income comes from commercial sponsorship and 43 per cent from the Royal and Ancient, clubs, and unions, and we hope they will continue to maintain their support because any loss of revenue from these sources will leave a large gap to be filled."

The Royal and Ancient, in addition to a deed of covenant for £50,000, agreed to contribute £12,500 to support the Golf Foundation team championship for schools in *1986* when, for the first year, the event was run without the benefit of commercial sponsorship. Ten countries competed and Tonbridge School emerged the winners for England.

The Ford Motor Company, British Airways, and the Ritz *Club maintained their support* and the income from golf clubs and national unions also rose substantially. A total of 1,356 schools and junior groups took part in the Golf Foundation coaching scheme as against 1,334 for the previous year and the Golf Foundation team championship for schools continues to expand with more than 1,000 schools having entered in 1986.

Mathew Stanford, of the Saltford Club in Bristol, won the Golf Foundation award for 1986. Stanford, aged 17, won the South West Boys and Avon Schools Championships as well as the Junior Championships of the Saltford, Worleybury, and Filton Clubs. He captained Somerset Juniors and he was selected for the England Schools team. He also represented his county at colts and senior level.

● Severiano Ballesteros has confirmed his entry for the 1987 Epson Grand Prix at St Pierre, near Chepstow, from May 7 to 10. Ballesteros, as the winner of the 1986 Epson Order of Merit, automatically qualifies for a bonus of £35,000 by teeing-up, and he will collect a further £50,000 if he wins.

Player gives up his post as president

Johannesburg, March 3 (Reuter) — Gary Player is to resign as president of the South African Professional Golfers' Association (SAPGA) because of increasing golf commitments in the United States.

Player, who has been the president of the SAPGA for nine years, said in a statement today that he would not stand for re-election at the association's annual meeting on March 30.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Draw favours St Helens to reach Challenge Cup final

By Keith Macklin

The conclusion is inescapable that somebody up there likes Alex Murphy and St Helens, and that fate has seeded the *Saints for Wembley. When* yesterday's draw was made for the semi-finals of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, St Helens got the draw they wanted and everyone privately knew they would get — a tie against Leigh, the remaining outsiders and first division relegation strugglers.

Leigh produced the shock of the quarter-finals by beating Hull. Now they must once again defy the form book and lift their game again if they are to topple the confident favourites.

It is a semi-final full of piquant ~~behind-the-scenes~~ stories. When Billy Benyon was sacked as coach at St Helens nearly two seasons ago, he was replaced by Murphy, and the wounds are still deep in Benyon's soul, although he is reluctant to admit it.

He would love to prove a point in the best possible way by overturning the Saints, and said yesterday: "I know most of the Saints players, and understand their game. We tackled marvellously against Hull and will just have to do it again. Semi-finals are one-off games, and have nothing to do with League matches. There is great spirit within the club now that we have got this far, and we will play to the death to get to Wembley."

If Leigh do make the final, it will be the first time since 1971. *For St Helens it would be the* first Wembley since they were beaten by Leeds in 1978. Their coach, the ebullient Alex Murphy, said: "Obviously this is the tie we wanted, and while Billy Benyon knows the Saints players, I know the Leigh players since I went from Leigh to St Helens. However, semi-finals are always tough games, and I remember the struggle Saints had to beat Keighley 5-4 in 1976." The St Helens secretary, Geoff Sutcliffe, commented: "We are steeling ourselves for a hard match. There is no such thing as an easy semi-final."

Semi-final draw

Leigh v St Helens
(at Wigan, March 14)
Halifax v Widnes
(at Headingley, March 28)

In the other ties the perennial chasers of trophies, Widnes, take on the side who are the sentimental favourites of the uncommitted and neutral. Halifax, coached by the Australian, Chris Anderson, were last at Wembley in 1956 when they were beaten by St Helens. Although Widnes are doughty and unyielding cup fighters, this could be the year for Halifax's fast and skilful team, setting up a repeat of that 1956 Wembley *final. The first semi-final* between Leigh and St Helens will take place at Wigan on March 14, and the Halifax v Widnes game will be at Headingley a fortnight later.

St Helens have rearranged their home first division game with Castleford for next Sunday. Tonight they visit Castleford, and if they score 30 points or more they will equal the fastest one thousand points in a season in the game's history.

● John Moore, Hull Kingston Rover's assistant coach, is to quit the game at the end of the season. Moore, who has given Hull Kingston Rovers 25 years unbroken service as player and coach, has been assisted Roger Millward throughout the last 10 years.

● The Great Britain amateur Under-19 squad to play France at Wilderspool, Warrington on April 4 includes five players from Leeds.

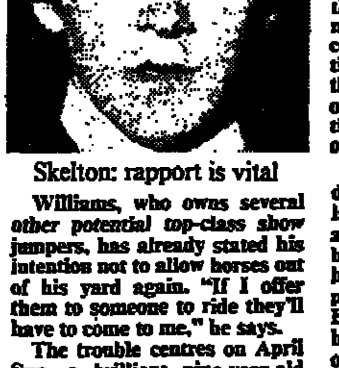
SQUAD: C Broome (Leeds); D Cosgrove (Widnes), P Hall (Leeds), P Hunt (Leeds), R Irving (Huddersfield), C Lee (Leeds), J Melon (Wigan), S Malloy (Oldham), D Maloney (Leigh), D Marsh (St Helens), G Middleton (Barrow), J Neil (Cumbria), A Pucill (Warrington), J Ramshaw (Castleford), T Reed (Warrington), K Rose (Leeds), N Shaw (Barrow), D Smith (Widnes), M Smith (Wigan), J Walsh (Wigan).

Overcoming the obstacles facing owner-rider relationships

Saddled with difficulties

By Jenny MacArthur

Whose horse is it, anyway? Show jumpers and owners have been reappraising this after last month's court ruling which allowed the rider, Peter Charles, to keep two horses belonging to Cecil Williams in his yard — until they are sold — even though Williams wants his horses back. It is likely to mean a hardening of attitudes.



Skelton: rapport is vital

Williams, who owns several *other potential top-class show* jumpers, has already stated his intention not to allow horses out of his yard again. "If I offer them to someone to ride they'll have to come to me," he says.

The trouble centres on April Sun, a brilliant nine-year-old gelding bought by Williams as a *two-year-old* and *ridden* by Charles, at Williams's request, since a four-year-old.

This year the pair would have been contenders for a place in the team for the European Championships. But six months ago Williams announced his intention of selling the horse, then based at Charles's yard, for £450,000. A disagreement started over the terms under which the horse had gone to Charles.

There was no written contract. This, however, is not unusual among top show jumpers. Although they nearly always have written contracts with their sponsor — as in the case of Sanyo and Harvey Smith for instance — agreements with owners are normally verbal. Relationships are based on trust.

As Nick Skelton, who rides for several owners, says: "What if you're under written contract to ride someone's horses for three years and you have a bust-up?" Naturally communication *with owners is crucial.* "You've got to get on with them," Skelton says. "You need them and they need you, it's not worth falling out with them."

Owners are understandably annoyed if they are not kept informed of their horses' movements — particularly when horses are competing abroad. *They like to be told when their* horse wins — rather than learning it from the newspapers. Riders can help in other ways.

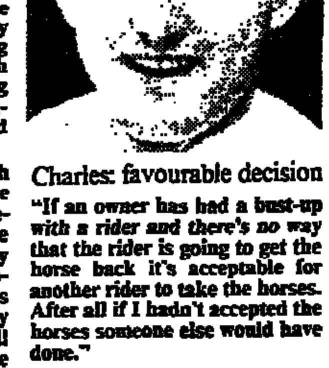
Skelton and David Bowen who both ride horses for Mr Tony Elliott, the chairman of Griffin and Brand, make sure that their owners receive the necessary passes when they come to watch as well as making time to have a drink or meal with them to tell them what is going on. It is when this communication breaks down that riders and owners can fall out.

The most publicized of such disputes was that between the late Caroline Bradley and Donald Bannocks over Tigré, the horse on which Miss Bradley had won the World and European team gold medals. Miss Bradley owned the horse jointly but when she and Bannocks fell out and he decided to sell she could not raise the £80,000 he was asking for his half-share. *The horse was eventually sold* to another buyer for £160,000, Miss Bradley receiving £80,000 but losing a world-beating horse.

Many leading riders have fallen out with an owner at some time. After Harvey Smith had had a dispute with the owner of O'Malley, some 20 years ago, he "finished with owners." He now owns all 50 horses in his yard and has firm views on his rights. "Owners should be allowed to do what they want with their horses — *if I want to take one to* the knacker's yard tomorrow, I can."

Lionel Dunning, perhaps surprisingly, has similar views on owners' rights. Four years ago he lost all his top horses when their owner, Mr Elliott, transferred them to David Bowen's Lancashire yard. Yet Dunning believes the court ruling on April Sun has done "terrible damage to show jumping — now, if an owner has a top-class horse he'd think twice about letting a rider have it *knowing that when he wanted it* back he might not get it."

Elliott's decision to remove his horses from Dunning — made, he says, because "he was getting no results" — raised the question of riders' solidarity. Should a rider accept a horse from which another, often a friend, has been removed? *Bowen is quite clear about this.*



Charles: favourable decision

"If an owner has had a bust-up *with a rider and there's no* way that the rider is going to get the horse back it's acceptable for another rider to take the horses. After all if I hadn't accepted the horses someone else would have done."

Skelton has similar views. He received the ride on Apollo, *formerly Geoff Glazzard's only* top horse, when Mrs Linda Jones the owner, removed the horse two years ago from Glazzard's yard to Ted Edgar's where Skelton was then based. "I was just told I was riding him," Skelton said.

Ideally all arrangements would be like that of Malcolm Pyrah and Mrs Edna Hunnable, owner of his top horse, Towerlands Anglezarke. She says she would never dream of selling him or taking him away from Pyrah.

In practice however things are *not always so easy.* The April Sun case has prompted Elliott's to call for the British Show Jumping Association to issue guidelines for owners and riders in the event of disputes. Colonel Philip Drew, chairman of the Association's executive committee, says they deliberately try not to get involved in the detailed arrangements between riders and owners but would help if asked.

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RACING: HENDERSON PLANS PREP RACE FOR SEE YOU THEN

Conditions favourable for smart Western Sunset to score again

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following that easy victory at Windsor 10 days ago when he beat I Haventalight by seven lengths, **Western Sunset** now looks poised to win the John Francome Handicap Chase at Worcester this afternoon.

That Windsor race underlined the view that there are few better than Western Sunset when he is on song.

He was not right at Kempton on Boxing Day when the majority of his stable companions were under a cloud and he was rusty at Newbury midway through last month after his enforced rest. But those were valid excuses.

Earlier in the season, Western Sunset had beaten Half Free at Huntingdon. Not surprisingly, Fred Winter, Half Free's trainer, has declined to take Western Sunset on again today on the same terms.

Of today's opposition, only Straight Accord will be carrying his correct weight as the others had much less than 10 stone when the handicap was framed. And Straight Accord is not exactly firing on all cylinders these days.

With six victories to his credit at Worcester already, Fire Drill will inevitably command a big following there. Yet even this popular course specialist should not be capable of beating my selection especially as he will be carrying 13lb more than his official rating.

On the day when his feat of riding a 1,000 winners is recognised, Francome will be on hand to saddle Kingswick for the Mark Five Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase.

Kingswick, although not short of ability, does not strike me as a natural jumper of fences which perhaps helps to explain why this useful horse is still without a win this season. So I prefer **Coney Glen** who looked a much better ride when he ran away with a conditional jockeys' event over the same course and distance a fortnight ago.

Earlier in the day, visitors to the West Midlands course will see Monica Dickinson's Sun Alliance Chase entry **King's College Boy** have his second race of the season in the Fort Royal Novices' Chase.

The easy winner of his first at Kelso way back in December, King's College Boy should have a simple task against this opposition as he was a very smart hurdler when previously trained by Nicky Vigors.

Unoriginal though it may well be, the choice of the day's best bet falls on **Hill's Guard** in the Sicklinghall Novices' Chase at Wetherby.

Formerly a more than just useful hurdler when trained by Andy Scott, Hill's Guard made a pleasing start to his steeplechasing career for Colin Tinkler, his present trainer, when runner-up to Mighty Mark at Newcastle last month.

Lack of a previous race seemed to make the difference between victory and defeat that day as the winner had already won well at Kelso.

Otherwise, it should pay to follow Mark Dwyer on the Yorkshire course. Jimmy Fitzgerald's good young jockey can win the East Keswick Handicap Chase on **Kevinsfort** and complete a double in the next race, the EBF Norton Grove and Easthorpe Hall Studs Novices' Hurdle, on **Don't Be Late**.

● Rugy looks, at first sight, to be the obvious choice for the Aberford Hunters' Chase at Wetherby today but may find it difficult to concede the 13lb advantage which **Old Applejack** will have with his 7lb claimer, Andy Orkney, in the saddle (Brian Beel writes).

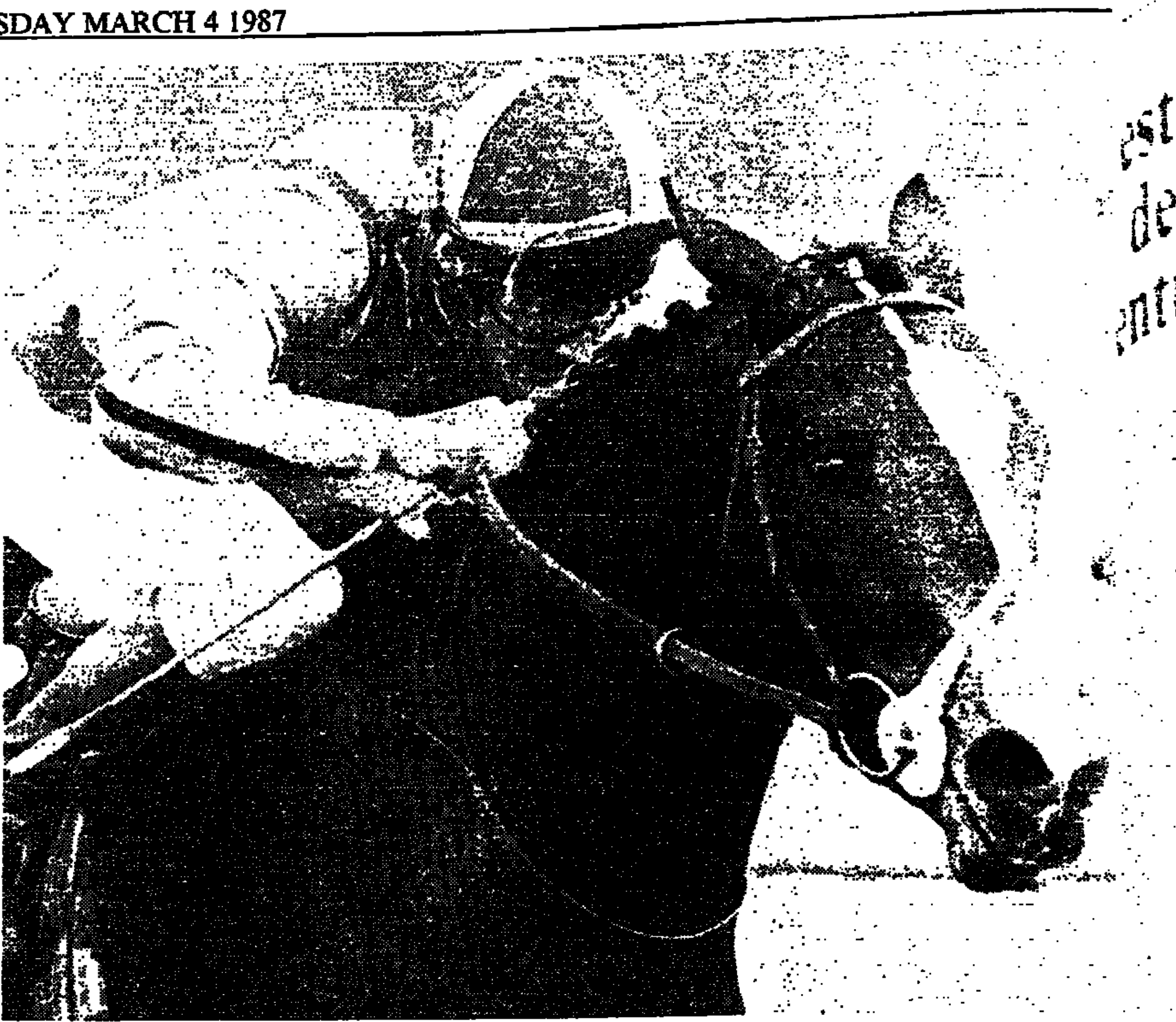
Champion for Haydock

Nicky Henderson is hopeful of running his dual champion hurdler See You Then at Haydock Park on Friday, in the De Vere Hotels Hurdle (Christopher Goulding writes). The gelding has not raced since April when he was beaten in the Sandeman Hurdle at Liverpool by Aonoch.

Henderson has had a worrying time preparing his charge for another crack at the Champion Hurdle. The seven-year-old has had heat in his legs and later developed corns. But now the horse is pleasing his trainer.

Henderson said yesterday: "The plan is to work the horse tomorrow. If all goes well, and the ground is alright at Haydock, I favour a run."

Oregon Trail, winner of the Arkle Chase at Cheltenham last year, will be out for the rest of the season. Simon Christian's gelding has developed leg trouble.



Ray Cochrane driving out Lemhill to land last April's John Porter Stakes at Newbury, the one bright spot in an otherwise forgettable Flat season for Lambourn trainer Michael Blanshard whose stable was badly affected by the virus

WETHERBY

Selections
By Mandarin

2.15 Elegant Guest.
2.45 Rugy.
3.15 Kevinsfort.
3.50 Don't Be Late.
4.20 **HILL'S GUARD** (nap).
4.50 Peter Martin.

By Michael Seely
2.45 Rugy. 3.50 **DON'T BE LATE** (nap).

Going: good:

2.15 HAREWOOD NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £685: 2m) (21 runners)

1	013	COMANCHERO (D,BF) (Mrs H Johnson) J Johnson 11-0	G Landau (4)	95	6-1
2	43F122	HURRICANE HENRY (B,D,BF) (Lady St George) M W Easterby 11-0	R Beggan	96	3-1
3	43	CAPRICORN BLUE (B) (P Asquith) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-7	M Dwyer	98	F5-2
5		COMMON FARM (M Brittain) M Brittain 10-7	P Tuck	—	20-1
6		DAD'S LINE (J Turner) J R Turner 10-7	Mr S Swiers (7)	—	20-1
7		DOM EDINO (C Holder) M Avison 10-7	R Marley (7)	—	25-1
9	23330	ELEGANT GUEST (Mrs V Coleman) Denys Smith 10-7	C Grant	● 99	9-2
10		FASHION FLING (Elsie Whiteley) M H Easterby 10-7	L Wyer	—	14-1
11		GLORIANT (M Brittain) M Brittain 10-7	R Fahey (7)	—	20-1
12	0000	GREGORIAN CHANT (P O'Donnell) C Spares 10-7	N Carson (7)	81	16-1
14	03	MAWDLYN GATE (Mrs S Brook) R Whitaker 10-7	N Doughty	80	12-1
15	0B4	ROMANTIC UNCLE (P Cockcroft) H Wharton 10-7	S Youlden	83	12-1
16	4U00	SNOWFIRE CHAP (J Pickles(Harrogate)Ltd) H Wharton 10-7	G Harker	—	20-1
17		TANASSERIM (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 10-7	K Jones	—	20-1
18	PP	TH'OILMEN (Capes Management Services) N Bycroft 10-7	P Niven	—	33-1
19	0404	TIMSOLO (T Hainsworth) J Mulhall 10-7	P A Farrell (4)	83	16-1
20	03	TOFFEE APPLE (N Cabburn) D Thom 10-7	M Brennan	94	14-1
21	0030	UNEX-PLAINED (B Eddshaw) G Moore 10-7	M Hammond	98	10-1
23	000	WILLIE THE MOON (Col R Johnson) C Spares 10-7	S Keightley	—	20-1
24	00	HIYA BUD (J Birkett) J Birkett 10-2	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)	—	25-1
25		ROMAN MOOR (Lord Cadogan) N Crump 10-2	C Hawkins	—	16-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST

FORM COMANCHERO (11-0) could finish only 18l 3rd to Masnoon (10-8) at Ayr (2m, good to soft) last time despite being odds on, previously had been far more impressive (10-10) in beating Dunloring (11-2) 3l at Kelso with ELEGANT GUEST (10-10) upto best 5l away 3rd. (2m, £685, good, Feb 6, 15 ran) HURRICANE HENRY is best when held up for a late run and ran well with these tactics when (11-7) 4l 2nd to State Jester (11-0) at Edinburgh (2m, £685, good, Jan 5, 14 ran). Prior to that (11-0) had beaten ELEGANT GUEST (11-0) 3l at Catterick with CAPRICORN BLUE (11-0) ½l away 3rd, (2m, £685, good to firm, Dec 8, 17 ran) UNEX-PLAINED (10-8) found Masnoon (11-2) 33½l too good when 6th to him at Catterick recently previously had shown far better form to be (11-0) 7l 3rd to top notch juvenile Past Glories (11-0) at Market Rasen (2m, £1477, soft, Jan 7, 17 ran). TOFFEE APPLE ran a fine race on only 2nd start (10-10) to be 10l 3rd to Intrepid Lad (11-6) at Fontwell, that form looks useful as the latter won yesterday at Nottingham (2m 2f, £828, good, Feb 23, 20 ran).
Selection: ELEGANT GUEST

2.45 ABERFORD HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £920: 3m 100yd) (7 runners)

1	1124-3F	RUGY (BF) (R Weaving) R Weaving 11-12-3	J Wrathall (4)	94	3-1
3	430/321-	ZANLANDER (Miss P Willis) Miss P Willis 12-12-3	N Tutty (4)	83	6-1
7	P/0PP-P3	MOONS QUADRILLE (Mrs S Gospel) Mrs S Gospel 11-11-7	H Brown (7)	76	16-1
8	F-2	OLD APPLEJACK (BF) (W Clarke) W Clarke 7-11-7	J Osborne (7)	96	5-2
9	UF03-00	PEACE CLASH (J Greenall) W A Stephenson 10-11-7	J Greenall (7)	● 99	F7-4
10	F-	RAVEN VENTURE (Sir G Cunard) Sir G Cunard 7-11-7	C Cundall	—	33-1
12	FU	WILKIE LAD (J Thompson) G Richards 6-11-7	P Doyle (7)	—	20-1

FORM RUGY (12-8) best judged on reappearance when 9l 3rd to Sunylyn (12-6) at Warwick (2m 4f, £985 good to soft, Feb 10, 11 ran). On final outing of last season ZANLANDER (11-12) beat the subsequently demoted General Rule (12-0) 10l at Sedgefield (3m 2f, £918, good, Apr 29, 9 ran). OLD APPLEJACK (11-12) caught run-in when 4l 2nd to Bronze Head (12-3), with MOONS QUADRILLE (11-12) 20l behind in 3rd. PEACE CLASH (12-2) another 27l away in a disappointing 6th and WILKIE LAD (11-12) a 7th fence casualty at Sedgefield (3m 2f, £901, good to soft, Feb 24, 8 ran) PEACE CLASH (12-7) better judged on final outing of last season when 18l 3rd to Flying Ace (12-7) at Ayr (3m, £805, soft, May 14, 8 ran).
Selection: PEACE CLASH

3.15 EAST KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,965: 2m 20yd) (6 runners)

1	2U-3113	KARENOMORE (CD) (Lt Col R Warden) M H Easterby 9-11-13	L Wyer	93	3-1
2	20/0324	SEA MERCHANT (CD,BF) (T McDonagh) W A Stephenson 10-11-12	R Lamb	96	5-1
4	P-20322	KEVINSFORT (CD,BF) (Mrs R Haggie) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-4	M Dwyer	● 99	F6-4
9	0411PP	HY TAB (W Wells) P Daly 10-10-0	J Kinane	96	6-1
10	0-00000	BURGLARS WALK (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 7-10-0	C Grant	—	10-1
11	P-22323	SIMON BOLIVAR (BF) (Mrs K Birkett) J Birkett 8-10-0	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)	76	8-1

FORM KARENOMORE (11-12) below form when 27l 3rd to Burannpour (10-11) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, soft) last time, previously (11-2) beat Sir Badsworth (10-3) 10l over this course and distance (£2351, good, Dec 6, 4 ran) Best effort from SEA MERCHANT (10-10) this season when 8l 2nd to Badsworth Boy (11-11) at Haydock (2m, £3578 good to soft, Jan 24, 4 ran) KEVINSFORT (11-12) caught on the line when a short head 2nd to Aldro (11-2) at Nottingham (2m, £2419, good to soft, Feb 16, 8 ran). HY TAB has proved very disappointing since (12-0) beating Donna Farina (11-2) an easy 15l at Edinburgh (2m4f, £1276, good, Jan 5, 14 ran). SIMON BOLIVER (10-5) not seen out since finishing 6l 3rd to Stubbs Daughter (11-13) at Southwell (2m, £1279, good to firm, Oct 6, 5 ran).
Selection: KEVINSFORT

3.50 E B F NORTON GROVE & EASTHORPE HALL STUDS NOVICE HURDLE (Mares: £1,381: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

1	01	DON'T BE LATE (T Kilroe & Sons) R Peacock 5-11-0	M Dwyer	97	F5-2
2	00-0000	ALLEZ (M Rust) N Chamberlain 5-10-7	C Dennis (7)	86	25-1
3	0P	BEBE HATTIE (Mrs M Beaumont) P Beaumont 7-10-7	P A Farrell (4)	—	20-1
4	P/000-40	CHANCES PITCH (Mrs H Wells) P Daly 6-10-7	B Storey	—	16-1
5		CHARLENE LADY (Mrs B Broad) Mrs B Broad 6-10-7	—	—	33-1
6	00/0020	COBBY CASTLE (H Rame) J H Johnson 6-10-7	G Landau (4)	● 99	8-1
8	0000	DERCANNY (P Gibbon) D Lee 7-10-7	Mr H Brown (7)	81	20-1
9	00	DON'T DESPAIR (J R Turner) J R Turner 5-10-7	Mr S Swiers (7)	—	25-1
12		ETHELS COURSE (Lt-Col D Pain) D Moffatt 5-10-7	T Reed	—	20-1
13	300300	KATY QUICK (F Barlow) M Naughton 6-10-7	M Hammond	98	12-1
14	00	KEMCROSS (R Layland) R Layland 7-10-7	P Dennis (4)	—	25-1
18	0-4040	LUBIANA (W Heaney) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-7	T P White (7)	94	10-1
19	0	NEWTON SPRINGS (H Lambert) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-7	R Fahey (7)	—	14-1
20	0	ORIENT LAUGHTER (R Alan Robson) B McLean 5-10-7	L Wyer	—	20-1
21	00-0204	PAUPER MOON (J Robson) W Reed 7-10-7	Dale McKeown (4)	98	5-1
22	0F00	QUEEN OF TIMBER (Mrs A Harker) B Wilkinson 5-10-7	G Harker	—	20-1
25	00-0P00	SAVOLEYRES (Dr L Parry) Dr L Parry 7-10-7	Mr J Osborne (7)	—	33-1
26	0-30	SAXON SLAVE (Mrs R Crossley) J Jefferson 6-10-7	M Hill	95	16-1
27	00-0010	SHAKIRA GROVE (C Haque) M Chapman 5-10-7	S Mitchell (7)	97	3-1
28	F-00	TRAILING ROSE (R Burridge) Mrs G Reveley 8-10-7	P Niven	—	20-1
29	0-0	UDALE COURT (P Johnston) S Payne 6-10-7	J Kinane	—	25-1
30	4004	WARCHANT (V) (E Wilkinson) R Whitaker 5-10-7	C Grant	91	6-1

FORM DON'T BE LATE (10-9) wandered off true line but had 2l to spare over Sicilian Passage (11-10) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1888, soft, Feb 9, 15 ran) PAUPER MOON, one pace over 3m last time, previously (10-12) finished 1½l 2nd to Playing at Kelso (2m 6f, £1241, soft, Dec 15, 17 ran) a race in which LUBIANA (10-12) finished 2½l further back in 4th. WARCHANT (10-12) a length away 5th and COBBY CASTLE (10-12) 7th KATY QUICK, well-beaten since a (10-10) 1½l and neck 3rd to Pleasdon Green (10-13) in a novices handicap at Ayr (2m, £1335, good to soft, Nov 22, 13 ran) SHAKIRA GROVE, 5th over 3m on heavy ground last time, previously (11-2) beat Crimson Sol (11-8) 8l in a seller at Leicester (2m, £745, soft, Jan 26, 14 ran).
Selection: DON'T BE LATE

4.20 SICKLINGHALL NOVICE CHASE (£1,659: 2m 4f 100yd) (11 runners)

1	3/123F0	BARRYPHILLIPS DISCO (I Ender) R Whitaker 10-11-10	Mr S Whitaker (7)	95	5-2
5	000PUP	BICKERSTAFFE (B) (J Griffin) M W Easterby 6-11-3	R Beggan	—	4-1
6	00	CAPTAIN JOE (Mrs L Armstrong) M Reddan 9-11-3	A Merrigan (7)	—	25-1
7	0-000PF	CHIPCHASE (A Taylor) B Wilkinson 7-11-3	G Harker	—	20-1
9	003/3P-2	HILL'S GUARD (G Shiel) C Tinkler 8-11-3	A Stringer	● 99	F9-4
11	4UU020	WELSH SPIRIT (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 8-11-3	Mr P Johnson (7)	83	6-1
12	0330/40	WHITLEY BURN (A Affleck) A Smith 8-11-3	C Grant	—	16-1
13	0402-F0	DARRINGTON DEAL BB (D Scott) C Parker 6-10-12	K Doolan	—	20-1
14	3302FF	DONNA FARINA (J Thompson Farms Ltd) G Richards 6-10-12	J Hansen	83	9-1
15	0-403F4	KERSTELLA (Lord Cadogan) N Crump 6-10-12	C Hawkins	80	9-1
16	10000-0	SILKEN TURN (N A P Thoroughbred Racing) P Charlton 7-10-12	J J Quinn	—	25-1

FORM BARRYPHILIPS DISCO (11-2) is best judged on second start of this season when a length 2nd to Jaunter (10-9) here (2m 4f, £2072, soft, Jan 6, 11 ran). HILLS GUARD (11-4) not disgraced on chasing debut when 1½l 2nd to Mighty Mark (11-10), with CAPTAIN JOE (11-4) a long way back in 6th and CHIPCHASE (11-4) a first fence faller at Newcastle (2m 4f, £1792, good, Feb 21, 19 ran). On penultimate outing WELSH SPIRIT (11-7) 3l 2nd to Kersil (11-7) at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £984, good, Dec 26, 13 ran). When last standing up DONNA FARINA (11-2) finished 15l 2nd to Hy Tab (12-0) at Edinburgh (2m 4f, £1276, good, Jan 5, 14 ran) with BICKERSTAFFE (11-7) a first fence faller.
Selection: HILLS GUARD

4.50 MICKLETHWAITE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,100: 3m) (8 runners)

1	0-13242	TERN (CD) (G Leatham) M H Easterby 8-11-10	L Wyer	98	3-1
3	220001	PETER MARTIN (V) (F H Lee) F H Lee 6-11-5	M Dwyer	● 99	5-2
5	1213-00	FAIR SAVARD D (Mrs B Smith) H Wharton 7-10-7	S Youlden	93	12-1
6	3/10432-	MAGWOOD (Mrs E Borthwick) C Parker 7-10-3	K Doolan	93	8-1
7	3P-P000	POONA EXPRESS D (W Sellers) J Parkes 6-10-2	P Niven	85	25-1
8	4-34403	GOOD TO SEE YOU D (F Barlow) Mrs S Austin 9-10-0	D Wilkinson	94	7-1
9	F-0FP04	CRAMMOND BRIG (B) (W Jackson) M W Easterby 10-10-0	R Beggan	97	16-1
10	002333	BARDSEY (B,BF) (Ryland Vehicle Group Ltd) R Hollinshead 7-10-0	P Dever	93	7-2

FORM TERN has run consistently well this season including last time when (11-7) ¾l 2nd to Brigarona (10-10) here, with CRAMMOND BRIG (10-5) tailed off before being pulled up at the last, (3m, £3967, good to soft, Dec 27, 11 ran). PETER MARTIN has a very good turn of foot but has not been reliable this term, best effort (11-10) came when cleverly beating Ha Penny Nap (11-10) ½l at Ayr (2m 4f, £1674, good to soft, Feb 13, 8 ran) MAGWOOD makes seasonal debut today and has something to find on (10-12) a 6l 2nd to Wil-Tor (10-4) at Perth (3m, £946, good to soft, Apr 16 1986, 9 ran). BARDSEY is a touch one paced, last time (10-0) was a creditable 4l 3rd to Reo Rocky (11-6) at Chepstow (3m, soft), previously (10-5) finished 4½l 3rd to Grundy's Pet (10-1) at Sedgefield. GOOD TO SEE YOU (11-0) was a distant 8th (3m 2f, £1321, good, Feb 13, 14 ran) Subsequently GOOD TO SEE YOU (11-0) has shown better form to be 6l 3rd to Smart Jack (10-11) at Edinburgh (3m, £887, good to firm, Feb 20, 10 ran).
Selection: PETER MARTIN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Jimmy Fitzgerald	33	109	21.1	L Wyer	10	33	30.3
M H Easterby	37	184	20.1	M Dwyer	19	101	18.8
G Richards	21	116	18.1	R Lamb	27	161	16.8
W A Stephenson	44	269	16.4	C Grant	28	189	14.8
M W Easterby	14	93	15.1	P Tuck	19	157	12.1
Denys Smith	20	150	13.3				

Only qualifiers

WORCESTER

Selections
By Mandarin

2.00 Music Minstrel.
2.30 King's College Boy.
3.00 Brown Rifle.
3.30 Western Sunset.
4.00 Coney Glen.
4.30 Incamelia.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.30 Anagmor's Daughter.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 **WESTERN SUNSET.**

Guide to our in-line racecard

103	(12)	0-0432	TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88	7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

Going: heavy

2.0 FERRY NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,200: 2m) (16 runners)

1	02140	FINGEST (B,D) (R Ashford) Miss A King 11-4	A Webb	98	8-1
2	1	L B LAUGHS (D) (City & Essex Travel Ltd) Mrs N Smith 11-4	S Sherwood	92	F2-1
7		COLONEL NICKLE (Mrs M Smith) T Casey 10-8	R Dunwoody	—	10-1
8	004	D'OR'S GEM (B Wilne) P Bevan 10-8	J A Harris	90	6-1
11		INNER CALM (B Newport) C James 10-8	G McCourt	—	20-1
15	00	MILTESCENS (B Smith) A Jarvis 10-8	T Jarvis	85	14-1
17		MUSIC MINSTREL (S Redmond) A Turnell 10-8	Steve Knight	—	12-1
19		PEARLY KING (R De Lisser) G Kindersley 10-8	C Brown	—	8-1
22	00003	RAVELSTON (Mrs M Bowden) J Honeyball 10-8	Peter Hobbs	—	16-1
23	4FP00	RICKESTON LAD (J Knowles) B Palling 10-8	C Evans (4)	68	33-1
24		ROARING SPARK (G Ball) W G Turner 10-8	Tracy Turner (7)	—	25-1
26	0042	SCINTILLATOR (J Rigby) J Bukovets 10-8	S Cusack (7)	● 99	10-1
28	B0	SONNY HILL LAD (Miss W Leighton) A Leighton 10-8	C Smith	—	25-1
29	000	STARDUST ROC (E Hayward) J M Bradley 10-8	G Davies	—	25-1
30	04	SWISS NEPHEW (BF) (Mrs E Sheehan) Lady Herries 10-8	M Kinane	85	4-1
35	300F00	KELLYANN (R Kelly) W E Fisher 10-3	C Llewellyn (7)	98	15-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED – FROST

2.30 FORT ROYAL NOVICE CHASE (£2,039: 3m) (18 runners)

2	PF31B0	HIGH BLEND (B Wright) P Bailey 6-11-11	S Morshead	94	12-1
3	P10P0-1	KING'S COLLEGE BOY (D) (H Thomson) Mrs M Dickinson 9-11-11	G McCourt	● 99	F4-7
9	F	BORDER LAD (Mrs M Oliver) M Oliver 6-11-4	R Dunwoody	—	25-1
10	00/P2	BRASSEYS COPSE (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 8-11-4	Mr L Lay (7)	82	16-1
11	4P4023	BRYMA (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 7-11-4	C Evans (4)	98	8-1
13	PP	CARRIGEEN CASTLE (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 7-11-4	—	—	50-1
15	0P-0F30	DOCK BRIEF (Mrs B Dolan) M Pipe 6-11-4	P Scudamore	—	14-1
17	P0-F000	GRETTA'S LEGACY (R Davies) J Old 7-11-4	C Llewellyn (7)	—	33-1
25	0P32P	LE VULGAN (S Redmond) A Turnell 7-11-4	S McNeill	93	10-1
27	30-32P	LLANPADRIG (Lord Mostyn) N Henderson 7-11-4	S Smith Eccles	88	10-1
28	1/0203-0	MAN OF SPIRIT (W Forde) Lady Herries 8-11-4	M Kinane	—	12-1
38	3P-PFBU	ROBERT HENRY (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 11-11-4	J White	—	50-1
44	00/0000	TARR STEPS (North Wall Racing) W G Turner 8-11-4	Jessica Charles Jones (7)	—	50-1
52	0-20230	CAMEBELLE (B) (Maj N Martin) N Mitchell 8-10-13	R Millman	97	20-1
53	0102-03	CHALKIES PET (I McGready) D Wintle 7-10-13	A Carroll	77	16-1
54	F0F	COOLEK (R Burton) Mrs W Sykes 11-10-13	S Morshead	—	50-1
55	F30-0F0	DUSTY RUN (A Miedziak) R Shepherd 7-10-13	Mrs C Smallman	—	33-1
61	00P-PP0	YOUNG JILL (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 5-10-7	J Suthern	—	50-1

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Holder	18	63	28.6	S Sherwood	20	58	34.5
L Kennard	25	114	21.9	J White	6	31	19.4
F Walwyn	12	62	19.4	Steve Knight	6	32	18.8
T Forster	19	134	14.2	P Richards	11	66	16.7
J Old	12	72	16.7	H Davies	31	206	15.0

Only qualifiers

3.0 STRETTON LEISURE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,665: 2m 2f) (19 runners)

4	240041	REDGRAVE ARTIST (D) (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 6-12-0 (7ex)	P Scudamore	93	9-2
7	01/000	RANCHER (A Hill) L Kennard 6-11-5	B Powell	—	12-1
13	034F/00	MOLLINGTON (CD) (C Taylor) T Casey 8-11-2	R Dunwoody	—	14-1
14	001	PATCHBURG (R Gunthorpe) F Jordan 5-11-1	C Smith	92	5-1
16	400-000	CONS PAL (F Faulkner) D Wintle 9-11-0	A Carroll	—	16-1
18	300/P-00	CRUMPET CATCHER (C) (D Richards) D M Richards 11-10-12	Mr M Richards (7)	—	20-1
20	040332	BALTIC SEA (C Cleary) D Wintle 6-10-9	A Carroll	97	8-1
21	1-00000	CLERMONT LANE (B) (D Cowgill) M Tate 5-10-9	M Bastard	89	20-1
22	004/001	BROWN RIFLE (R Forsyth) D Burchell 7-11-1 (7ex)	—	● 99	F4-1
23	0/400-00	TOUR DE FORCE (Mrs D Strauss) P Makin 7-10-8	H Davies	93	12-1
24	0002-03	RUTHS MAGIC (C) (G M Price) G M Price 9-10-8	C Price	94	8-1
25	33/0001	KEEP SAUNTERING (C) (W G Turner) W G Turner 8-10-6	Tracy Turner (7)	98	10-1
27	00/000-P	PATERNOSTER ROW (B) (K Griffiths) M Eckley 8-10-6	B Dowling (4)	86	25-1
28	030032	BLUE SPARKIE (R Fry) J Old 6-10-4	C Llewellyn (7)	98	10-1
31	3-0F420	HIGH RIDGE (B,D) (E Lodge) J Perrett 5-10-3	L Harvey (4)	—	16-1
33	30/00P0	LAUTREC (D White) C Popham 5-10-0	—	—	25-1
34	F0-P000	DOUBLE SWING (D) (J Harriman) J Harriman 6-10-0	A Price (7)	—	33-1
35	0323/0	WILLIAM THE FIRST (G Jones) A W Jones 12-10-0	Miss D Jones	80	20-1
36	FP/PF0-0	INDADO (R Williams) R Williams 9-10-0	G Davies	—	50-1

3.30 JOHN FRANCOME CHASE (Limited handicap: £2,464: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

2	2-21PP1	WESTERN SUNSET (D) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 11-11-7	H Davies	● 99	F4-6
4	41P/P-3P	STRAIGHT ACCORD (D) (Mrs E Bradley) F Walwyn 12-10-1	S Shilston	92	2-1
5	P22323	FIRE DRILL (C) (P Norman) K Bishop 12-10-0	P Richards	87	12-1
8	4F1P11/	BALTIC (R Macauley) O O'Neill 11-10-0	J Suthern	—	25-1
9	2-20404	CHELSEA ISLAND (W H Taylor) W H Taylor 12-10-0	M Muggeridge	53	50-1
10	1F00U0-	NEW KAYBER (Mrs K Jacobs) Mrs G E Jones 8-10-0	R Chapman (4)	61	66-1

4.0 MARK FIVE HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,085: 3m) (17 runners)

2	R0113F-	DROPS O'BRANDY (D) (R Cook) C Holmes 12-11-13	T Smith (7)	95	8-1
4	023-00P	NUDGE NUDGE (R Taylor) S Mellor 7-11-3	T Mitchell (7)	98	10-1
5	0112/01-	QUARRIER (Sir K Butt) T Forster 10-11-0	T Thomson Jones	91	6-1
7	3-02PP4	PLAY THE KNAVE (C,D) (C de P Berry) P Bailey 10-10-9	J Berry (7)	97	12-1
8	2100-F0	SHORT RATE (P Nelson) M Featherston-Godley 9-10-8	J Queally	92	16-1
12	4P-3P4P	TRISKA (B,C) (A Hunt) L Kennard 11-10-7	M Armytage (4)	—	12-1
13	3030U0	KINGSWICK (Sioux UK Ltd) J Francome 7-10-7	M Bradstock (4)	94	8-1
14	P-04203	DINGBAT (C) (Miss S Low) Miss N Davenport 11-10-7	M Low (4)	94	5-1
15	312P3P-	PROSETT (A Gadd) A Gadd 9-10-7	—	—	16-1
18	P0P010	BALLY TASK (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 11-10-7	Miss B Llewellyn (7)	82	16-1
19	1-F201	CONEY GLEN (CD) (Mrs D Joyce) V Bishop 11-10-7	Miss G Armytage (4)	● 99	F7-2
20	4UF0-4F	THORNTON (C) (P Tucker) J H Baker 8-10-7	—	80	16-1
22	42-4F40	KILTON JIM (M Tory) P Tory 11-10-7	A Tory (7)	78	20-1
25	0FP24F	HAWORTH PARK (J Wright) G Ham 8-10-7	A Murray (7)	74	25-1
26	02/0	HAYSAVER (F Harvey) F Harvey 15-10-7	G Harvey (7)	—	33-1
27	0P00/P0-	YELLOW COLL (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 12-10-7	L Lay (7)	—	66-1
28	400F/0	WAVENEY WISH (N A Smith) N A Smith 8-10-7	M Wellings (7)	—	50-1

4.30 EBF VOWCHURCH COURT STUD NOVICE HURDLE (Mares: £1,963: 2m 4f) (25 runners)

1	010010	ANAGMOR'S DAUGHTER (D) (A Raison) K Bishop 6-11-7	S Earle (4)	98	6-1
2	322410	HANDY LANE (A Stoccani) L Kennard 6-11-7	B Powell	90	12-1
4	1	FREE TRAVEL (J Summer) T Foster 5-11-0	L Harvey (4)	95	4-1
7	1120	SPRING PHILTRE (BF) (P Watson) D Elsworth 5-11-0	P Scudamore	92	5-1
8	0001P	SWEET STORM (Barhale Construction Ltd) T Casey 5-11-0	E Buckley (4)	84	8-1
12	30	CAPE MANTON (A Smith) R Holder 6-10-7	P Murphy	88	12-1
14	4	CELTIC VALLEY (Mrs G Abecassis) O Sherwood 5-10-7	S Sherwood	93	9-2
15		CLYFFE WALKE (J David) J H Baker 5-10-7	M Williams	—	20-1
16	0	COTSWOLD PEARL (M Lait) T Forster 10-10-7	H Davies	—	8-1
18	222P-00	DIAPHANTINE (N Lake) R Frost 5-10-7	J Frost	92	16-1
20	0	EMERALD VALLEY (N Twiston Davies) N Twiston Davies 7-10-7	A Webb	—	20-1
22	40-P004	EMMANIZER (B Adshead) C Trietline 8-10-7	J Bryan	85	20-1
28	00-P0P0	HILLY-DOWN LASS (P Hannen) Miss E Sneyd 6-10-7	M Bosley (4)	81	33-1
29	0-02	INCAMELIA (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 6-10-7	S Smith Eccles	93	F7-2
33	00-2	KEELEY LOUISE (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 6-10-7	Peter Hobbs	97	6-1
35	P0	LARCHWOOD (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 6-10-7	A Mulholland (7)	—	12-1
36	00033/0	LITTLE KHAN (J I Johnson) J I Johnson 5-10-7	Mr R Bellamy (7)	—	20-1
39	0P/P000	MILLERS WAY (Miss S Robinson) W G Turner 6-10-7	Tracy Turner (7)	—	33-1
42	0	MYSTICAL ROSE (C Norton) F Jordan 5-10-7	C Smith	—	25-1
43	U340	ONLY TROUBLE (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 6-10-7	R Dunwoody	● 99	12-1
44	PP	PANTOMIMIST (Mrs D Eckley) D Eckley 5-10-7	S Morshead	—	50-1
46	042-000	REDGRAVE DEVIL (D Norris) K Bishop 5-10-7	—	86	25-1
52	P00PPP/	SHARAJEN (J Bowen) R Lee 9-10-7	F Rafferty (7)	—	33-1
59	0-000	TAWNY SILK (W Selwyn) Miss J Thorne 6-10-7	R Linley	—	50-1
61	0P30-00	TURN MILL (Mrs S Potten) Miss N Davenport 6-10-7	P Warner	75	50-1

Bradley winning battle to be fit for Cheltenham

By John Dorman

Graham Bradley, that most stylish of jockeys and winner of the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup on Bregawn, is not at all optimistic about his chances in the race on Wayward Lad in two weeks' time.

"Wayward Lad is fit and well," Bradley reports, "but he has not been running well all year. He is not getting any younger either, and I cannot be optimistic for Cheltenham."

"Mind you," Bradley said, "he did the same thing a couple of years ago and then suddenly came good at Liverpool where John Francome rode him to win the Whitbread Gold Label Chase, so I can only hope he does it again."

That was in 1985. At the time, Francome described Wayward Lad as one of the most athletic horses he ever rode, and perhaps the best horse never to win the Gold Cup.

Asked about this year's Gold Cup, Bradley replies in his typical forthright Yorkshire manner: "Mark Dwyer will win it on Forgive'N Forget. The others will just be battling for the places." Those he expects to see in the frame are Door Latch, Stearsby and — if he is fit and runs — Galway Blaze.

Bradley is currently sidelined with a leg injury sustained at Southwell last Friday. At first it was thought that extensive bruising was the worst of it, but later examination revealed a cracked bone. However, he has always returned quickly from such setbacks, and expects to resume riding on Saturday week.

He is certainly keen to be fully fit for Cheltenham where he has some exciting rides. He partners Robin Goodfellow in the Sun Alliance Hurdle, and in the Arkle he rides Dan The Millar, that big strong gelding who Steve Smith Eccles thinks will provide a stiff test for First Bout.

In the Sun Alliance Chase Bradley will renew his acquaintanceship with Kildimo. When this pair were beaten nearly 20 lengths into fourth place at Ascot three weeks ago, trainer Toby Balding launched a stinging attack on Bradley's waiting tactics. Bradley himself says that the horse left its legs behind at the first four fences, but philosophically accepts that in such circumstances the jockey is bound to get the blame. He will be looking to redeem his reputation in a fortnight's time.

Southern air brings out best in Dudie

Dudie, having his first race since moving south to join Reg Akehurst at Epsom, scored a five-length victory victory over Valmai in the Wally Coomes Handicap Chase at Plumpton yesterday.

The nine-year-old, who has fallen twice in the Grand National, was winning for the first time in this country, his six successes all having come in Ireland.

Akehurst said: "He came down to me from Ginger McCain's yard at Southport in January. I think the owners wanted to have a horse down south. I don't expect he'll go back to Aintree as the owners wouldn't want anything to happen to him. He'll probably run next at Windsor."

Bride's 50-1 victory in the first division of the Catford Novices' Hurdle brought a welcome change of luck for the local trainer, Paddy Butler.

Butler, who trains just a mile away on the old Lewes racecourse, said: "I needed that one very badly. Things haven't been going very well. One or two of the horses have been coughing and because of that I was a bit worried about this filly. But she did it well."

Butler's only previous success this season was Solitaire, awarded a race at Worcester after the recent disqualification of Purple.

● Christopher Sporborg had his first success with Greenwood Lad since buying the bay out of Josh Gifford's stable for 15,000 guineas at Ascot's June sale when his son William rode the horse to victory over Beamwam in the 17th-21st Lancers Challenge Cup Hunters' Chase at Nottingham yesterday.

Arab racing flourishing

Arab horse racing will again have the support of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum this year (Christopher Goulding writes). The sheikh will be providing £85,000 towards the prize-money. Last year the sheikh's colours were carried for the first time in Arab horse races.

James Capel, the London stockbrokers, will be involved with Arab racing for the first time this year. They will put up the prize-money for the Goodwood fixture and all races confined to pure-bred Arab mares. Dunhill International continue their support at Kempton Park.

There will be 10 meetings this year, two more than last season. This emphasizes the growing popularity of the sport which began in 1978.

FIXTURES: May 25: Worcester. **May 30:** Aintree. **June 6:** Fakenham. **June 13:** Towcester. **June 27:** Huntingdon. **July 4:** Thirsk. **August 15:** Aintree. **September 5:** Market Rasen. **September 19:** Kempton Park. **October 3:** Goodwood.

Blanshard hoping tide has turned

Michael Blanshard, the popular young Lambourn trainer, used to think talk about "the virus" was just another excuse for bad horses. "Now I know differently," he said.

Sitting in the homely office at his Lethorns stables, a glazed look fell on his eyes as he recounted the disaster that befell his horses in 1986.

"At least 50 per cent of them were wrong, and I just could not get them right," he said.

"I had them blood-tested four times in two months, and it was only the last batch of results that showed they were suffering from a type of anaemia brought on by a virus. At home, the horses appeared to be well in themselves, but it was a different story on the racecourse. They were just not performing as I knew they should."

This was the first real reverse in 32-year-old Blanshard's training career, which every season until then had yielded more winners than the previous one.

The year had started so encouragingly, with Lemhill landing the group three John Porter Stakes at Newbury, beating Eagling, Gold And Ivory and Chaumiere.

"I am embarrassed to say I only had four winners in *all* after 16 the previous year. It was nothing less than a complete disaster," admitted Blanshard.

This month, however, brings a new Flat season, a clean slate, and, more importantly, a clean bill of health for the trainer's 40-strong string.

"I cannot wait to put last year behind me and get going properly again," he said, his face lighting up at the prospect. "There are a nice collection of horses here, 20 two-year-olds and the same number of older horses, and I am sure there are some useful ones among them."

Lemhill, only out of the frame once in 15 appearances over the last two seasons, remains in training with the Cup races as his target. "I am not certain whether he will stay two miles, but he should," Blanshard commented.'

Luna Bid, successful three times as a juvenile, was a major casualty last term, after putting up an eye-catching display when only short-headed out of a six furlongs handicap at Newmarket in May, carrying 9st 5lb. "He pulled a muscle in his hind quarters and was never really right afterwards, but he is okay again now," his trainer reported.

Blanshard went on to select four three-year-olds to note — Princess Semele, Relkoora, Summer Trip, and Outrageous Fortune.

Blanshard, who expects to have his first runners in action next month, said: "My horses are very forward for this time of year, and I can't wait to get going again and put last year behind me. I have no real stars, but am sure there are good winners in the stable, and, hopefully, plenty of them."

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Plumpton

Going: heavy

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, **BRIDE** (C Warren, 50-1); 2, **Dragonade** (G Moore, 10-1); 3, **Dancing Ballerina** (R Goldstein, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Drowsy, 9-2 Polar Glen, 13-2 True Weight (4th), 10 Italian Sunrise, 33 Peter's Savouries (pu), 50 Full Of Dreams, 100 Cecconi, Orravan, Scylla's Chip (f), Crimson Lady, Topkapi (5th), Bayano (6th). 15 ran. 1½l, nk, 1½l, 4l, 1½l. P Butler at Lewes. Tote: £57.80; places £7.90, £1.40, £3.00. DF: £316.90. CSF: £412.49.

2.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, **DUDIE** (C Brown, 4-1); 2, **Valmai** (Mrs N Ledger, 33-1); 3, **Le Gran Brun** (S McNeill, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Steel Yeoman (pu), 8 It's Only A Joke (5th), 14 Mercy Less (6th), Wait For Me (4th), 20 Mount Feddane (f), 100 Poor Excuse. 9 ran. NR: Mearlin. 5l, 5l, 10l, 1l, 8l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.50; £1.70, £3.30, £1.40. DF: £97.10. CSF: £84.85. Tricast: £478.37.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **HARBOUR BAZAAR** (D Gallagher, 4-1); 2, **Wild Sap** (Penny Ffitch-Heyes, 100-1); 3, **Opening Bars** (R Davies, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Predominate (f), 9-2 Goodman Point, 6 Good Afternoon (6th), 12 Charlie's Cottage (4th), 14 Oryx Minor, 16 Snowball Danny (pu), 25 High Heaven (5th), 33 Miss Maina (pu), War And Peace. 12 ran. NR: Cut A Dash, Derby Day, Majuba Road. 1½l, 2l, ¾l, 8l, 7l. R Simpson at Lambourn. Tote: £6.80; £1.50, £11.90, £1.80. DF: £342.20. CSF: £209.28. Tricast: £2670.84.

3.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, **NEVEROF** (Dale McKeown, 13-2); 2, **Mood Music** (W Irvine, 6-1); 3, **Landas Rocket** (R J Beggan, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Tell Us Another (pu), 7-2 Dampier (ur), 10 Playfields (pu), Lucky Chris (6th), Downpayment (pu), 14 Shoiang (5th), 20 Tribal Smoke (f), Palmerston (pu), 25 Square-Rigged (4th), 33 Fading Dawn (pu), Dreams Of Gold (pu). 14 ran. 8l, 12l, ½l, not recorded, 8l. G Gracey at Caterham. Tote: £7.90; £2.90, £1.80, £3.50. DF: £18.80. CSF: £48.35. Tricast: £305.33. Bought in 3,600gns.

4.15 (2m ch) 1, **MORE ONE WAY** (R J Beggan, 4-1); 2, **Aledan** (Steve Knight, 10-1); 3, **So Brave** (Penny Ffitch-Heyes, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Tom Caxton (pu), 11-2 Expeditious, 12 Vulbeau (pu), 20 Bit Of A Dandy (pu), 33 Dusky Brown (pu), True Poetry (pu), 50 Up At Dawn (f). 10 ran. 2l, 10l, not recorded. R Parker at Chilworth. Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £2.70, £1.70. DF: £12.20. CSF: £39.42.

4.45 (2m hdle) 1, **SOHAIL** (K Burke, 11-10 fav); 2, **Liberty Square** (S Sherwood, 5-2); 3, **Fill The Jug** (C Gray, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Out Of Kindness (4th), 25 Swinging Glory (pu), 50 Palmer Mill (6th), Sunfort Guy (5th), 100 Burlington Lad, Misha, Easter Princess. 10 ran. 12l, ¾l, hd, 20l, 1½l. C Holmes at Garrards Cross. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.20, £1.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.91.

Placepot: £142.05.

Nottingham

Going: good to soft, hurdles; good, chase

2.0 (2m hdle) 1, **SARYAN** (D Murphy, 11-2); 2, **King's Crusade** (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 3, **Fandango Boy** (C Hopwood, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Our Tilly (pu), 7 Tyrannis (5th), 25 Charterspark (6th), Solent Lad (4th), 50 Cagliostro (pu), Merced, Miss Venezuela (pu). 10 ran. NR: Knockalena. ½l, 3l, 4l, 20l, ½l. B Curley at Newmarket. Tote: £11.90; £3.40, £1.40, £1.40. DF: £7.50. CSF £15.58. Bought in 3,000gns.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, **GREENWOOD LAD** (Mr W Sporborg, 4-1); 2, **Beamwam** (Mr D Naylor Leyland, 10-11 fav); 3, **Lord Leighton** (Mr R Gardiner, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Cauchemar (5th), 6 Dromore Castle (6th), 50 Never Tamper, Water Wagtail (4th). 7 ran. 2½l, 8l, 1l, 10l, hd. C Sporborg at Bishops Stortford. Tote: £2.90; £2.10, £1.40. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.64.

3.0 (3m 4f ch) 1, **WHY FORGET** (C Grant, 5-1); 2, **You're Welcome** (Peter Hobbs, 5-1); 3, **Brown Trix** (P Scudamore, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Northern Bay (4th), Fredwel (pu), 11 Sir Kenwin (5th), 25 Leckie (6th), 50 Three Chances (f). 8 ran. hd, 8l, 15l, 12l, dist. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £5.60; £2.00, £2.70, £1.40. DF: £6.20. CSF: £26.96. Tricast: £98.57.

3.30 (3m hdle) 1, **CROIX DE GUERRE** (P Scudamore, 21-20 fav); 2, **Trouvere** (D J Burchell, 9-4); 3, **Lord Laurence** (R Dunwoody, 11-4). 3 ran. NR: Our Bara Boy. 10l, 5l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.23.

4.0 (2m 6f ch) 1, **TORYMORE GREEN** (G Mernagh, 11-2); 2, **April Prince** (P Scudamore, 11-1); 3, **Bowden** (R Linley, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5-6 fav Mick's Star (4th), 12 New Song (f), 33 High Barn (ur), 50 Silver Snow (f), 100 Aufwiedersehen Pet (f), The Undergraduate (5th). 9 ran. 5l, 2½l, 7l, 6l. J Webber at Banbury. Tote: £5.90; £1.20, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £102.20. CSF: £55.32.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, **INTREPID LAD** (G McCourt, 4-1); 2, **Milford Quay** (A Webb, 11-4 fav); 3, **Joseph's Coat** (G Harker, 25-1); 4, **Stanitas** (P Croucher, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Arctic Cavalier (5th), 9 Annie Ra (6th), HighTrust, 14 Carraqui, 16 Frozen Padre, 20 Dry Gin, Moores Metal, Mr Kirby, Squires Gold, Star Chance, 25 Star Of Tara, Visual Identity, Walmer Sands, 33 Gracious Homes (pu), Aenaust, Inroosh, Lysithea, London Windows, Doraythym (f), Last Kit. 24 ran. NR: Stay On Tracks. 4l, 3l, 4l, 4l, 2l. M McCourt at Wantage. Tote: £6.20; £1.80, £2.30, £5.00, £6.50. DF: £7.00. CSF: £16.89. Tricast: £249.79.

Placepot: £11.70.

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CRICKET

West Indies go one up despite another century from Crowe

From Richard Streeton, Auckland, New Zealand

There was a better finish to the second Test match yesterday than might be deduced from the West Indies' 10-wicket margin of victory. A resolute century by Martin Crowe prolonged New Zealand's resistance into the final hour and even at that stage bad light threatened to baulk the touring team.

In the end, however, the dominant team in the match rightly emerged with the spoils. New Zealand, who had followed on 261 runs behind, were all out for 273 in the eleventh over of the last hour. West Indies needed only nine balls to make the 13 runs they needed to go 1-0 ahead in the three-match series.

New Zealand struggled throughout this match and must now tighten up in several areas if they are to do better in the final Test with starts at Christchurch tomorrow week. Dropped catches enabled West Indies to reach an imposing total, before a first-innings collapse left New Zealand no chance to recoup. It was ironical, too, that the constant interuptions for rain, which regularly freshened the pitch, only added to their woes.

Greenidge won the man of the match award for his double century on Saturday, though Crowe's defiance brought some cheer for New Zealand. Richards, the West Indies captain, was generous afterwards with his praise for Crowe's performance. Like many another established actor, though, he could be forgiven for thinking, perhaps, that the fates twisted the knife a little about his understudy's success.

Crowe, the man who has taken over his role at Somerset, help save the first Test match with a hundred and now came near to a successful encore. Crowe, ably helped by Bracewell in a sixth-wicket stand of 107, was finally caught at forward short leg off Gray. He was the seventh man out, after almost six and a half hours, as West Indies launched a final thrust with the new ball shortly after tea.

Crowe had survived chances to second slip (Richardson) and deep mid-on (Richards) at 32 and 89 respectively. Walsh and Butts were the unlucky bowlers but nothing could deny that Crowe once again played the innings of a master batsman. This was his seventh Test hundred, equalling the New Zealand record shared by Glenn Turner and Congdon, and was the eighth time he has reached three figures this season. He rode through some initial uncertainties and eventually joined the select band of those who have reached a Test century with a six when he on drove Butts on to the terracing.

At lunch time New Zealand's cause looked hopeless, with Jeff Crowe caught in the slips; Patel leg before offering no strokes; and Coney held down the leg side. However, Bracewell, whose century at Trent Bridge last summer first showed that he has a good eye and plenty of determination, joined Crowe in a sixth-wicket partnership which prospered with increasing freedom and, by tea, the likelihood of a tense finale was there.

But shortly before the new ball became available, Gomes was brought into the attack and the ploy worked when a quicker ball beat Bracewell as he tried to sweep. After tea Marshall returned, but for a while Butts continued at the other end. When West Indies did take the new ball, Crowe and Hadlee had to concentrate on saving limbs and their stumps in that order.

Crowe lost his momentum and had scored just one run in the 50 minutes before he was out. New Zealand were 259 for seven, still needing two runs to make West Indies bat again, when the final hour was signalled.

Walsh rejoined Marshall in the attack and took the last three wickets in 20 balls, as dark clouds hinted at an eleventh-hour escape route for New Zealand.

Hadlee edged a catch to second slip but Smith ensured New Zealand's arrears were cleared before the umpires took the players off for bad light. New Zealand were 264 for eight, three overs had been bowled of the mandatory last 20, and three more were deleted before the game resumed.

The umpires, relying on their light meters, were perfectly justified, though understandably West Indies looked despondent. Neither captain after the game, incidentally, would comment on the umpiring. When play did restart another 24 balls sufficed: Smith was caught low at first slip and Boock behind the wicket.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES: First innings 418 for nine dec (C G Greenidge 213, P J L Dujon 77; R J Hadlee six for 105).

Second innings

C G Greenidge not out	10
D L Haynes not out	6
Total (no wkt)	16

H A Gomes, R B Richardson, *I V A Richards, A L Logie, †P J L Dujon, M D Marshall, A H Gray, C G Butts and C A Walsh did not bat.

BOWLING: Hadlee 1-0-9-0; Chatfield 0.3-0-7-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 157 (M D Marshall 4 for 43).

Second innings

J G Wright c Logie b Walsh	7
K R Rutherford c Richardson b Marshall	5
J J Crowe c Gray b Walsh	21
M D Crowe c Logie b Gray	104
D N Patel lbw b Marshall	5
*J V Coney c Dujon b Gray	17
J G Bracewell lbw b Gomes	43
R J Hadlee c Richardson b Walsh	14
†I D S Smith c Richards b Walsh	10
S L Boock c Dujon b Walsh	4
E J Chatfield not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 8, nb 28)	43
Total	273

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-14, 3-83, 4-91, 5-128, 6-233, 7-250, 8-260, 9-269, 10-273.

BOWLING: Marshall 33-7-71-2; Walsh 30.2-6-73-5; Butts 28-6-61-0; Gray 18-4-44-2; Gomes 4-1-9-1.

Umpires: F R Goodall and G C Morris.

Fourth Test go-ahead given

From Qamar Ahmed, Ahmedabad

The fourth Test match between India and Pakistan will go ahead at the Gujrat Stadium in Ahmedabad today after fears that the match would be disrupted because of riots during the recent municipal elections.

The curfew imposed in certain parts of the city has now been lifted and it appears that calm has been restored. Originally, the first Test was to have been played here but was switched to Madras after unrest in the area.

The Gujrat is considered to be one of the best cricket stadia in India, but only one Test has been played there, in 1983, when the West Indies beat India inside four days by 138 runs.

The three matches of the present series have been drawn on pitches inclined to suit the spinners, and the one at Ahmedabad is likely to be equally helpful to them. Local opinion is that the uneven bounce sometimes encountered on the pitch make it possible that this Test may produce the only positive result of the five-match series.

India have made one change from the 14 selected for the third Test. Maninder Singh, the left-arm spinner who failed a fitness test at Jaipur, has been recalled in place of Binny, who is injured. The off-spinner, Gopal Sharma, who took four wickets in the second innings at Jaipur, is a certainty, and India will be most likely to play with two more spinners, Maninder and Shastri.

Shivlal Yadav, the third off-spinner, who was expensive in the third Test, may be left out, with Arun Lal possibly brought in to strengthen the batting. Gavaskar, who overtook Boycott as the leading run-scorer in Test cricket during Ahmedabad's previous Test, needs a further 58 runs to take his aggregate past 10,000.

Pakistan are suffering from injury problems, the main one concerning their leading batsman, Javed Miandad, who has a back strain. Younis Ahmed, who scored 103 against Delhi at the weekend, before retiring with a fever, and Salim Malik, who has a slight cold, should both be fit for selection.

Like India, Pakistan may rely heavily on their spin attack, bringing back the leg-spinner, Abdul Qadir, to join Iqbal Qasim and the off-spinner, Tauseef Ahmed. If the selectors decide to play only two spinners, Iqbal is likely to be the one omitted. In that event, Saleem Jaffer, the left-arm medium-pacer, will be included.

INDIA (from): K Srikkanth, S M Gavaskar, M Amarnath, D B Vengsarkar, M Azharuddin, R J Shastri, *Kapil Dev, †K S More, Maninder Singh, Gopal Sharma, N S Yadav, S Viswanath, R R Kulkarni, Arun Lal.

PAKISTAN (from): Shoaib Mohammed, Mudassar Nazar, Ramiz Raja, Rizwan-uz-Zaman, Javed Miandad, Younis Ahmed, Salim Malik, *Imran Khan, †Salim Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Tauseef Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Saleem Jaffer and Manzoor Elahi, Ijaz Ahmed, Ijaz Faqih.

LACROSSE

England no longer dominate

By Peter Tatlow

Princess Anne, patron of the All-England Women's Lacrosse Association, will be witnessing the sport's needle match of the year when she goes to Queen's Park Rangers' football ground to watch the England and Scotland match on Saturday afternoon.

Scotland are the triple crown holders (England, Scotland and Wales) and in world tournaments recently they have twice tipped the scales against England. Last year Scotland won 7-6 in Philadelphia and at Nottingham in 1982, they were victors by the same score.

But as the All-England Women's Lacrosse Association celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, it will be recalled that close results have not always been the case.

Until about five years ago the home international balance was tilted heavily towards England, who always reckoned to beat Scotland and Wales by anything up to 15 or 20 goals.

It is to the benefit of women's lacrosse that the days of such one-sided contests are now over. The struggle on Saturday will be an exciting game with the result difficult to predict.

Lacrosse clubs first appeared in Britain in 1906 and the inaugural home international season was held at the Richmond athletic ground in 1913. County sides were formed in 1919.

Seventy-five years on it is estimated that some 40,000 women and girls play lacrosse in Britain but the sport's major problem is that several thousands of potential adult players are lost between the school game and the clubs.

However, active steps are being taken to remedy the situation using 'pop' lacrosse, which is catching on in schools and leisure centres under the direction of Janet O'Neill, the association's development officer. Pop lacrosse is a watered-down, but nevertheless very

HOCKEY

Gordon leads the Army to hard-fought victory

By Sydney Friskin

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The Army, who displayed more skill and control, defeated the Royal Navy in the second match of the Services Hockey Championship, at Colchester yesterday. They now need only to draw with the Royal Air Force today to retain the title they have won the for the last three years.

The Navy, who had a creditable 1-1 draw on Monday with the RAF — indeed they should have won — did well to hold the Army to a blank first half, with their defence standing up well to some strong running by the England internationals Jennings and Gordon. In their own less frequent forays into the opposition half it was Bisson and Martin who were the most conspicuous of the Navy's attackers.

The Army took a long time to put their game together and there was a short period before the end of the first half when the Navy threatened to score. But in the sixth minute of the second half, an Army assault, started from behind by Hazlitt, was carried on by Jennings who set up a fine chance for Gordon to draw the goalkeeper out and score.

Quick to retaliate, the Navy surged through the middle summoning goalkeeper Hudson to save from Moffett. Play switched quickly to the other end where Gordon, once again supported by Jennings, hit a post.

Continued pressure by the Army earned them their fourth short corner of the match in the 20th minute of the half, and Gordon, gaining possession at the top of the circle, made it 2-0 with a weak shot which carried enough guile to bemuse the Navy's defence.

The Army then took control of the match, but a couple of shots went astray and towards the end the Navy attacked with more vigour.

ROYAL NAVY: Mne J Hartshorn (RM); CPO J Aldred, AEM A Hayes (sub: CPO B Henry), PO D Ward, CPO G Mather, WEA L Morgan, LWEM T Sparks, Capt R Martin, AEM D Moffett, WEM C Stonier (sub: Lt S Askins), Lt I Bisson.

THE ARMY: 2/lt D Hudson (RA); Capt D Grossmith (RE), 2/lt A Jackson (Inf), 2/lt R Mercer (RE), Sgt I Strachan (RA), Col I Jennings (Inf), 2/lt S Hazlitt (Inf), Capt I Jolly (RA), Cpl J Day (RAOC), Capt N Gordon (RA), Lt A Scopes (RE).

Umpires: Sgt J Patel & C/tech B Anderson (RAF).

The uplifting experience of weights

By Robert Kirley

Boris Becker, the Wimbledon champion, recently obtained the services of Frank Dick, the British athletics coach, to improve his strength and fitness.

Becker has undertaken his rigorous training regimen due in large part to the marked improvement of his rival, Ivan Lendl, who enhanced his strength — and his rate of success — through weight-training. Thus, it is not surprising that the popularity of weight-training has grown dramatically during the last 20 years.

An excellent and comprehensive volume, The Manual of Weight-Training*, is an invaluable guide for anyone who is interested in using weights to improve health, appearance or results in sports. The book was originally released in 1967, and after several printings this new edition — replete with concise charts, diagrams, colour and black-and-white photographs — reflects the latest in weight-training theory and practice. Everyone from the beginner to the advanced body-builder or competitive lifter will find a wealth of practical knowledge.

George Kirkley and my colleague, John Goodbody, who have written for and edited the book, have drawn together an impressive array of specialists who contribute to the authoritative weight of the book. Ron Pickering (athletics), Brian Crompton (swimming), Bill Watson (football), Jim Railton (rowing), John Taylor (rugby) and Syd Hoare (judo) present detailed workouts that are designed to give the competitor maximum returns on his or her time spent in the weight room.

Vivian Grisogono, a chartered physiotherapist with extensive international experience, has written a chapter on weight-training for women. She dispels the notion that women must avoid the weight room for fear that the result will be "big, ugly muscles".

* The Manual of Weight-Training, edited by George Kirkley and John Goodbody (Stanley Paul, £9.95).

BOXING: BRITAIN'S 'FINISHED' WORLD CHAMPION PREPARES TO DEFEND TITLE

Andries in fine shape for Hearns

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
Detroit

Proving the experts wrong: in seven years Andries has come back from the point of no return

On a wild and windy February night in a Burslem sporting club seven years ago, Dennis Andries was finally written off. In his vain effort to wrestle the British light-heavyweight championship from Bunny Johnson he had fallen through the ropes five times, once landing on a ringside table, sending members and their drinks flying. Nobody could come back from such a performance, the experts said.

Yesterday in Joe Louis's town here the experts thumped their ringside tables and whooped "oh man" as Dennis Andries, the World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight champion, went through his training routine in the lobby of the Pontchartrain Hotel.

Many feared that their local hero, Thomas Hearns, the former world welterweight and light-middleweight champion, had taken on too much in challenging the Briton. "Oh man! Did you see that left hook?" they screamed as Andries sent a Hearns-shaped sparring partner across the ring. "Man, he ain't even trying," a watcher said. When it was all over they cheered and clapped. It was the greatest compliment Andries had ever received.

In this town they know their boxing. They are steeped in it deeper than a dunked doughnut. Down at the Kronk fight factory they just keep on producing world champions. Later, Andries' manager, Greg Steene, said: "Did you notice nobody moved even when Dennis was skipping?"

Sure enough, Andries' American trainer, Ken Bogner, has done a magnificent job on him in the five weeks he has had the champion in the mountains of West Pennsylvania. "You can't change Dennis's bad habits but we have shown him some new moves," Bogner said. "This is nothing. Back in the training camp Dennis was just wearing out his sparring partners by knocking them out. When we started camp we bought a brand new set of headgear for the sparring partners. Dennis destroyed them."

Bogner went on to say: "Hearns may have seen films of Dennis but he is going to find him a lot harder to hit than he imagines. He has been running six to 10 miles a day up and down the mountains where it is hard to even drive a car up some of those hills. Dennis just flies up them. He will be in the best condition of his career."

Andries was certainly sharp, controlled and menacing. One had the distinct feeling he might be too solid for Hearns. And even though the fearsome American came on immediately after Andries and went through his routine, Andries' menace was not in the least diminished.

Andries jabbed at questioners in training camp vernacular. "Many people say he is going to kick my butt. No way, Jose. This dude is going to whip his ass. If he wants a three-round slug he can come and get it and if he wants to jab and move he can have that too." It was good to see Andries in such confident mood.

"The Americans love me because I fight. They like a fighter. Before I fought Tim Broady they said: 'We hope you don't just jab and run like all Englishmen.' They found out when Broady went in five. They just love me. They know me here.

"When I take care of Hearns, they'll be coming after me, I'll be like Jesse James, a wanted man and whoever they are, if the money is right, we'll get it on."

According to Steene a win over Hearns will set Andries up. Steene revealed that Andries had been offered a bout with Gerry Cooney in May or June. "It's more than likely that he will fight Cooney," Steene said, "because Cooney's manager, Dennis Rappaport, also manages Eddie Davis, the No. 1 light-heavyweight contender who stepped aside to let Andries fight Hearns. Rappaport wants Dennis to fight Cooney. It is a no-risk fight."

Needless to say that it would be a big money contest, a million dollar affair for Andries. A couple of months later the plan is for Andries to take on Davis and then Bobby Cycz, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion, in a unification title bout.

"And you people wrote me off," Andries said. Steene added: "Dennis has even been asked to go on the Johnny Carson Show." Andries said that his world title enabled him to avoid the aliens queue at Heathrow Airport and use the facilities reserved for British and EEC passport holders. "They told me to go to the other queue but I said I was the WBC champion and gave the man a picture of myself wearing my WBC belt, and he let me through." Andries smiled. "You see, I take the shortest route — Hearns will find that out too."

SQUASH RACKETS

Norman is quick to respond

By Colin McQuillan

Ross Norman, the world champion, flew into London from Munich yesterday fuming over false press reports that he was losing interest in the game, and promptly proved the point by despatching Geoff Williams 9-0, 9-0, 9-1 in the American Express Premier Squash League match between InterCity Cannons and Manchester Northern.

Norman's win was the sole success for the home side in a lunchtime final fixture that anchored InterCity Cannons in fourth place but provided Manchester with a thin mathematical hope of disputing the championship with joint leaders Dunnings Mill and Leicester.

"I was absolutely furious when I read the stories out of Munich saying I had lost interest and could only get motivated to play Jahangir Khan," Norman said. "I explained to reporters in Munich about the difficulties of regaining competitive momentum, but nothing was said about only wanting to play Jahangir. I was a bit tired in Munich and I lost the final to Chris Dittmar, a former world No. 2. He was pushing Jahangir in World Open finals long before me."

Norman has maintained a near manic pace since ending the 5½ year undefeated run of Jahangir Khan in the World Open final last November. After playing in the Finnish Open in mid-February, Norman went straight to Canada for the Mennem Cup. One day later he flew to Germany for the first round of the European Open and yesterday he was on court at Cannons Club two hours after landing from Munich. "That sort of routine is reasonable if it is just around Europe, but the trans Atlantic flights really throw you."

All the top players had to be respected, Norman insisted: "I went for Geoff Williams because he spoiled my unbeaten National League record in the first half of this season. I wanted revenge."

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: InterCity Cannons 1, Manchester Northern 4; R Norman bt G Williams 9-0, 9-0, 9-1; J Hickox lost to R Hill 9-3, 1-9, 6-9, 4-9; D Lea lost to A Davies 3-9, 6-9, 8-10; N Sites lost to A Naylor 10-8, 9-2, 7-9, 6-9, 1-9; R Graham lost to R Forde 9-4, 3-9, 0-9, 0-9.

TENNIS

Belated winner puts Sukova into quarter-final draw

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Miami

Helena Sukova advanced to the quarter-finals of the women's singles with a 5-7, 7-5, 7-5 win over Lori McNeil in the Lipton International Players championships at Key Biscayne yesterday. The match, which had been interrupted by rain on Monday afternoon, finished with a backhand down the line from each player in turn: Miss Sukova's was in but Miss McNeil's was out.

Only two singles and six doubles matches were completed on Monday before the programme was washed out by the kind of rain that creates brooks and ponds within minutes. Maybe the mangrove trees appreciated it. In an effort to make up the lost time, play was resumed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. A bright and beautiful morning it was, too, with the palms lazily responding to the gentlest of breezes.

One of the interesting features of the women's draw is that Martina Navratilova's five opponents — including her next, Nathalie Tauziat of France — have an average age of only 18. Once a player reaches the 30 mark, as Miss Navratilova has, a succession of younger opponents is inevitable. But in this tournament it is as if she has invaded a kindergarten. Three of her adversaries here were hardly out of nappies when Miss Navratilova originally joined the circuit.

That was in 1973, when today's blonde American was a chubby Czech brunette. It is a remarkable testimony to Miss Navratilova's professionalism that, long after reaching the top, she is still insatiable in her appetite for success and improvement. In that respect, she is reminiscent of the greatest of all women squash players, Heather McKay, who was unbeaten for 18 years before she took up racquetball and became that game's leading lady, too.

Miss Navratilova's long-familiar rival, Chris Lloyd, is playing what is almost a local tournament. It was ideal for Mrs Lloyd's return to the highest class of tournaments. She resumed competitive play only a fortnight ago after being forced out of the game last September because of inflammation under her left kneecap.

This year there was an additional complication when a slight spur developed on her right heel. Perhaps it was inevitable that Mrs Lloyd would reach a point when the stress of her long career would lead to injuries of one kind or another.

The first men's result yesterday was Yannick Noah's 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 win over Johan Kriek, who had won all three of their previous encounters on hard courts. These two are among the game's most athletic, agile and exciting players. They have something else in common in that each spent his childhood in Africa.

Nowadays, Kriek is a United States citizen and lives in Florida, which means that he is currently competing in his home state. Noah has homes in Paris and New York. He had reason to think that Kriek owed him a favour, for in last year's French championships, the American progressed to the quarter-finals when Noah had to scratch because of a serious heel injury. They played a fine match here, rich in acquired wisdom and spectacularly-fast improvisation.

The only man to win a singles match on Monday was Stefan Edberg, the champion of Australia, who beat Kevin Curren 7-5, 6-3, 6-4. Edberg has seldom played better. He broke Curren's service once in every set. By contrast, Curren's performance was marked by diminishing returns. He had two break points in the first set, one in the second, but none in the third.

Also on Monday, the only completed women's singles match saw Claudia Kohde-Kilsch beat Zina Garrison 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. Like Miss McNeil, Miss Garrison learned her tennis on the public parks of Houston. Miss Garrison and Miss McNeil have now reached much the same level and each is benefiting from the friendly rivalry between them.

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: S Edberg (Swe) bt K Curren (US), 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; Y Noah (Fr) bt J Kriek 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt Z Garrison (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1

Edberg pulls out of Swedish team

Stockholm (AFP) — Stefan Edberg, the Australian Open champion and new Swedish No. 1, has dropped out of his country's Davis Cup first-round meeting with Italy in Florence from March 13 to 15.

Hans Olsson, Sweden's non-playing team captain, does, however, have Mats Wilander back after a near eight-month absence to link up with Joakim Nystrom, Anders Jarryd and Mikael Pernfors.

Olsson said Edberg, the world No. 2, refused to play for Sweden, because of his heavy programme on the men's circuit. "Stefan has been playing non-stop these last few months. His presence would have been valuable for me, but I can understand his reasons," Olsson said.

The Swedes, finalists for the last four years, beat Italy 5-0 in last year's quarter-finals before having their hopes of three successive Davis Cup triumphs dashed when they were beaten by Australia in the final last December.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

UEFA Cup Quarter-finals First leg

Dundee Utd v Barcelona (8.0)
Borussia Mönchengladbach v Vitoria Guimaraes
Torino v Swarovski Tyrol
Goteborg v Internazionale

Littlewoods Cup Semi-final replay

Tottenham v Arsenal (8.0)

First division

A Villa v Wimbledon

Second division

Derby v Portsmouth

Fourth division

Exeter v Preston
Northampton v Hartlepool (7.45)
Peterborough v Burnley

Scottish second division

Postponed: East Stirling v Cowdenbeath.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Middlesbrough v Hull; Sheffield United v Leeds (7.30). Second division: Bolton v Rotherham; Huddersfield v Wigan (7.30); Notts County v Blackpool; Port Vale v Scunthorpe; York v Doncaster (7.30).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Fulham (2.0); Crystal Palace v Bristol Rovers (at Tooting and Mitcham FC); Oxford United v Swindon.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Shrewsbury v Bournemouth (2.30).

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Boston v Kettering.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Corby. Midland division: Leicester United v Stourbridge; Mile Oak Rovers v Coventry Sporting.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Chesham v Harlow; Tring v Berkhamsted. Second division south: Petersfield v Molesey.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round: Bromley v Hendon.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Southend United v Barking (7.45).

WESSEX LEAGUE: Brockenhurst v Havant.

FRIENDLY MATCHES: Feltham v Hemel Hempstead; Uxbridge v RAF.

RUGBY UNION

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Bristol v Durham (at Twickenham, 2.30).

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford v Nuneaton (7.15); Bridgend v Glamorgan Wand (7.15); Cambridge University v Anti-Assassins (3.0); Cross Keys v Aberavon (7.0); Newport v Abertillery (7.0); Oxford University v Penguins (3.0); Pontypool v South Glamorgan Inst (7.0); Roundhay v RAF (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford v St Helens.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals (8.0): Team Polycell Kingston v Calderdale Explorers; HFS Portsmouth v Alphaprint Hemel and Watford; BCP London v Leicester Riders.

BRITISH MASTERS: First elimination round: Draper Tools Solent Stars v Just Rentals Rhondda (8.0).

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: London University v Cheam; Weybridge Hawks v Oxford University.

TOURNAMENT: Inter Services championship (at Colchester).

OTHER SPORT

BILLIARDS: Monarflex World professional championship (at Albert Hall, Bolton, 2.0 and 7.0).

BOWLS: English women's indoor championship (at Northampton).

BOXING: IBF World light welterweight championship: Terry Marsh (challenger) v Joseph Manley (US) (champion), Big Top, Basildon. Other tournaments: Kings Hall, Stoke; Dudley Town Hall.

SQUASH RACKETS: International tour match: Bradford v Canada (at Heaton, 7.0).

SPORT ON TV

SPORTS AFTERNOON: Action from home and abroad plus a look ahead to the major events this weekend, BBC2: 2.35pm.

SCOTSPORT SPECIAL (Scotland only): UEFA Cup quarter-final, first leg: Dundee United v Barcelona live from Tannadice Park. Scottish TV/Grampian: 7.45pm.

SPORTSNIGHT: Boxing: Heavyweight championship: Horace Notice v Proud Kilimanjaro, Dudley; Athletics: assessment of first World indoor championships, Indianapolis; Rugby Union: look ahead to Saturday's internationals: Wales v England, Cardiff and France v Scotland, Paris. BBC1: 10pm.

MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: Boxing: live coverage of IBF World Light welterweight championship: Terry Marsh v Joe Manley (US), Basildon; Football: UEFA Cup quarter-finals and first division coverage ITV: 10.40pm

ATHLETICS DIARY

Booting out the money men

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
Indianapolis

What price amateurism? On Monday last week, Jackie Joyner won the Sullivan Award for the nation's top amateur athelete. On Friday, she earned $14,500 (about £9,350)in the Mobil Grand Prix which culminated with United States Championships.

And this in the same week that the National Collegiate Athletic Association banned Southern Methodist University in Dallas from playing football for the 1987 season — and losing the college an estimated $500,000 in revenue — for paying the players $61,000 in what we know as 'boot money'.

The other side of the street

The rest of America is not very complimentary about Indianapolis, or 'India-no-place,' as the venue for the inaugural indoor world championships this weekend is popularly know.

"The only major city in the country where you can cross Main Street without bothering to look both ways," one journo said. Another one, mindful of the strong contingent of East Europeans, opined: "Not only will none of them defect, but the likelihood is that after a weekend there the Americans will go home with the Bulgarians."

Dechsler plans another hike

Heike Drechsler's world indoor record of 7.32 metres for the long jump last Friday became even more amazing when the wonderfully named Heliodoro Ricoh, the United States Championships director revealed that the runway was 10ft shorter than when Carl Lewis set the men's indoor record of 8.79m three years ago.

Drechsler had also brought the wrong spikes, and had to pull tape over the needle points to shorten them and get more traction from the wooden surface. With two fouls around 7.50m — her outdoor record is 7.43m — the probability is that, on the full length, springy artificial surface at Indianapolis, the personable East German will smash both records, and take women's long jumping towards the 7.80m which she said last week was her current target. Only three British men beat that last year.

Drechsler also hit back at being referred to as the female Carl Lewis with: "Certainly it's a compliment to be compared with any great athlete. But I compete for pleasure and not commercial reasons."

Call for divine intervention

The statistic from Mercedes-Benz, one of the sponsors of last Saturday's Los Angeles Marathon, that the whole event only costs the equivalent of a 30-second commercial during the Superbowl evokes one last piece of trivia on that mega event.

Around the same time Oral Roberts, the TV preacher, revealed that God had threatened to "call me home" unless he raised $4.9 million before a date which has now expired. Johnny Carson joked: "Oral Roberts had another call from God — unless you get me two tickets for the Superbowl I'm calling you home on Thursday."

Hyphenation unjustified

One American statistician is suggesting that women keep their maiden names — "so that their divorces don't become public knowledge when they split up." — as has been the case with the re-emergence of Valerie Brisco without the Hooks. Among British athletes, the recently married Janet Bell went to the AAA Indoor Championships, after a long absence, retaining her maiden name of Prictoe, "so that the selectors would know who I was."

It worked. She got in to the European and World Championships team. More curious though is another Briton who has not even got her divorce, yet has taken the name of her new boyfriend. But the best reason for staying with maiden names is surely the saving on space, considering the current American habit of hyphenating after marriage, which has produced such unwieldly titles.

In the pink

The New York Road Runners' Club realized that they had over ordered on one line of the T-shirts they give out after races in Central Park, when, after enquiring as to the colours available, a blind runner complained, "not pink again."

Blood feud

When Gianni Poli won last October's New York Marathon with Orlando Pizzolato, winner for the two previous years in 4th place, ABC television commentators aired suspicions of Italians blood doping. Despite Stefano Mei's contention that he was encouraged by officials to blood dope (he was dropped from the Olympic squad after he refused) the Italian Federation wrote to ABC threatening legal action.

Miles apart

Organisers of the Fifth Avenue Mile have failed to get Eamon Coghlan into the field, despite the race finishing in front of the offices of the Irish Tourist Board, his sponsors for nine years until last summer. Considering his successes indoors, one official suggested: "Coghlan will only compete if it's run in the subway."

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FOOTBALL

Three consortia begin talks with Bulstrode to take over at Fulham

By John Goodbody

David Bulstrode, the Fulham chairman, yesterday began interviewing three consortia who are interested in taking over the third division club.

Mr Bulstrode, who is also the chairman of Marler estates, which own the Fulham, Chelsea and Queen's Park Rangers grounds, has not disclosed who comprise the three groups, but he confirmed that Ernie Clay, the former Fulham chairman, was not among the groups involved in current talks. Last weekend Mr Clay offered to buy the club's name.

"There are three interested parties. They are all people I know to have a deep interest in football and if they decide to take Fulham over I know they have the funds behind them to do that," he said. Mr Bulstrode will today continue meeting interested groups.

Mr Bulstrode must complete any deal by May 27, when he will officially take over at Loftus Road because Football League regulations do not allow one person to control two clubs. He had been hoping to merge Rangers and Fulham, but the League blocked the move on Sunday.

Gordon Prentice, the leader of Hammersmith Council, told a meeting of 1,500 London football supporters at Hammersmith Town Hall on Monday that the Council would support their move to continue playing football at Craven Cottage. "We will make sure any planning application by any asset-stripper, whoever he may be, or wherever he may come from, will be subject to the most stringent investigation by the council," he said.

But if there were an appeal to central Government, the application would be handled by the Department of the Environment. The Department would have to have a strong reason to justify refusing planning permission in what is an established residential area.

Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor and deputy Labour Party leader, told the Hammersmith meeting that if the Party came to power at the next election, it would cut football pools betting tax. He promised a new Football Betting Levy Board to direct more of the Treasury revenue raised by football pools tax back into the game.

Graham Kelly, the secretary of the League, yesterday called for a similar commitment from the other political parties. "The exchequer earns £230 million a year on the back of football and it is about time some of this was put back into the game," he said. "Only in this way will football be able to create an effective partnership with local authorities to head off property developers."

But Kelly echoed the words of Dick Tracey, the Minister for Sport, in urging clubs to play a wider role in selling themselves

"More grounds need to take on this function and more research is needed for the improvement of playing surfaces," he said.

At the moment, The Football Trust, funded by the 'Spot the Ball' competition, receives about £7 million a year to distribute for ground improvements and other projects.

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RUGBY UNION: BRISTOL AND DURHAM UNIVERSITIES PREPARE TO MEET IN TODAY'S UAU FINAL

Back with experience: Webb, Bristol's England B full back

Student rivals warm up to beat Twickenham 'freeze'

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

If the players do not 'freeze' at the prospect of playing on Twickenham's grassy acres, then today's Universities Athletic Union final between Bristol and Durham has the potential to be one of the most entertaining finals in recent years.

It is a big proviso for the players, many of whom are teenagers who are accustomed to the wide open spaces of university playing fields. But there are players in both sides who have already experienced playing at Twickenham, all of whom have important roles to play: Jon Webb, the Bristol full back, and Will Carling, the Durham centre, played in the final England trial in January; and Andy Mullins, the Durham captain and prop forward, appeared for England Under-23 against Spain last season.

Mullins, aged 22, is also the only survivor of Durham's last appearance in the UAU final, two years ago, when his side lost 17-15 to Loughborough. Durham have a distinguished record in the eighties, having won the final in three successive years between 1981 and 1983, but judging by their generally-disappointing results against club sides this season, they must be slightly surprised to find themselves at Twickenham today.

"At the beginning of the season I would not have thought they were in with a chance of the final," said their coach, Peter Dixon. "But they have worked extremely hard in training and in the student games they have played very well."

Durham had a narrow squeak in their group match against Newcastle, which they won 8-7, and may have owed their 12-10 quarter-final success against Swansea to the fact that the Welsh university had played a difficult Welsh Cup match four days before.

Dixon, the former England and British Lions back-row forward, has tried to develop his team's rucking technique. "We have worked very hard to get fast ball for the backs. We are trying to get back to the style of rugby which I like, which is New Zealand-style, knocking people down, getting over the top and leaving the ball for the backs to have a go."

In Taylor, a Kent player who went to Oundle, he has a good scrum half, and Carling is a centre of vision who can use quality possession.

Both universities are keen to play down the exposure given to the two England B players, Carling and Webb, in national terms. "If we win this, it's not going to be through one individual, it's going to be a team thing," Dixon said. He echoes the sentiments of his counterpart at Bristol, Bob Reeves, whose days with the team go back to 1972 — when they last won the final — and 1978, when they lost 17-0 to Loughborough.

"No team can be expected to win games without a decent pack," Reeves said. In reaching today's final, Bristol beat Loughborough and Nottingham, both last season's finalists, and Reeves believes his side surprised Loughborough with their forward commitment. "There is a good balance about the side this season," he added. "The forwards have worked into a better pack than anyone outside the university would have expected. But when you've been involved with university rugby for more than 10 years, you find your best sides are those who have post-graduate, or more mature players, in them.

"The younger players tend to go at 150 mph and their qualities are obscured. This year there are three lads who have been here for more than three years: Webb, Perkins on the wing and McConnell at tight-head prop. A little bit of experience makes a phenomenal difference."

The university have also developed a good relationship with the Bristol club, for whom Webb has performed so well for the last year. They scrummaged against them on Monday night and Perkins and Pinder, the scrum half, turned out for Bristol United a fortnight ago. The university gains the benefit of added insight from senior players and coaches, and the club have an eye to potential recruits.

Webb's withdrawal from the English Universities XV to play Welsh Universities in Swansea on Friday has left the full back vacancy to be filled by Simon Hill, who also plays for University College, London, and Newbridge. Hill performed very well against Scottish Universities last month.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY: J Webb (RGS Newcastle); J Perkins (Sherborne), M Padlow (Methodist College, Belfast), H Jeavons-Fellows (Gordonstoun, captain), T Hawkes (Christ College, Brecon); M Walker (Edinburgh Academy), S Pinder (Hymers College); R Tice (Sherborne), A Baldwin (Colfe's), B McConnell (Coleraine AI), C Petit (Royal Latin), A Sibbald (Wellington College), K O'Shea (St Edward's, Liverpool), S Swales (Kingsbridge CS), T Jones (Cranleigh).

DURHAM UNIVERSITY: J Squire (Rugby); I Elliott (Olchfa), W Carling (Sedburgh), [illegible] Furley (North Berwick HS), R Harris (Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree); J Canning (RGS Guildford), R Taylor (Oundle); J Close (Hymers College), R Basham (Bradford GS), A Mullins (Dulwich College, captain), F Peart (Sedburgh), M White (Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth 1st, Leicester), S Christian (Connors Quay), J Turley (Cranleigh), D Brown (Tonbridge).

Referee: R Quittenton (London).

Seven want to stage 1994 finals

Zurich, (Reuter) - Seven countries have applied to stage the 1994 World Cup finals, the international football federation (FIFA) said yesterday.

The national associations of Algeria, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Morocco, South Korea and the United States met the February 28 deadline for applications.

The next stage is for the seven to confirm or withdraw their applications by April 10 having studied FIFA's conditions for hosting the finals. Final applications will then have to be submitted by September 30.

The decision on who hosts the 1994 finals will be taken by FIFA's executive committee on June 30 next year. Applications were sent only to non-European associations because Italy will stage the 1990 finals and FIFA rules do not allow one continent to host them consecutively.

Brazil, widely regarded as favourites to be successful candidates, and Chile are bidding to hold the finals for a second time.

● Carlisle United have parted company with their coach Ken Oliver, who has left by "mutual agreement." His departure could lead to either Sammy McIlroy or Ian Wallace taking over as player-coach.

Attendances rise boosts League

By a Special Correspondent

David Bulstrode's abortive attempt to merge Queen's Park Rangers and Fulham last week has bought the question of football's financial survival into the public eye.

While many argue that the Football League can no longer accommodate 91 League clubs, traditionalists opposed to club mergers can take heart from this season's League attendance figures.

League gates are up by over 4 per cent on the corresponding stage last season with 47 clubs reporting better attendance figures. However, the gates of the two clubs at the centre of Mr Bulstrode's plans, Queen's Park Rangers and Fulham, are both down.

Following their relegation from the second division at the end of last season, Fulham's average attendance figure for League games have plummeted to 3,758, a drop of 23 per cent. Queen's Park Rangers are averaging 14,130 this season, a 3.74 per cent decline.

Wimbledon and Crystal Palace, the two other London clubs involved in amalgamation proposals, have both increased their attendances this season. Wimbledon, with the third best attendance increase in the country, have more than doubled their home League gates. Crystal Palace's figures are up by 3.59 per cent.

First division	1985-86	1986-87	Change in per cent
Arsenal	327,178	403,134	+23.22
A Villa	214,774	259,835	+20.98
Charlton	73,576	139,628	+89.93
Chelsea	325,913	242,244	-25.67
Coventry	172,674	206,802	+19.76
Everton	434,538	449,435	+3.43
Leicester	161,330	172,639	+7.01
Liverpool	504,108	541,758	+7.47
Luton	160,952	152,219	-5.43
Man City	368,796	319,522	-13.36
Man United	720,100	611,959	-15.02
Newcastle	295,305	315,506	+6.84
Norwich	205,659	266,545	+29.61
Nottm F	247,707	303,269	+22.43
Oxford	158,158	157,784	-0.24
QPR	220,184	211,948	-3.74
Sheff Wed	356,659	363,034	+1.79
So'ton	189,299	205,306	+8.46
Tottenham	324,222	384,186	+18 49
Watford	197,396	215,664	+9.30
West Ham	233,538	270,034	+15.63
Wimbledon	60,324	121,358	+101.18

(Figures for League matches only)

Division	1985-86	1986-87	Change in per cent
First	5,952,250	6,313,809	+6.07
Second	2,809,579	2,763,148	-1.65
Third	1,450,786	1,462,330	+0.80
Fourth	916,230	1,079,870	+17.86
Total	11,128,845	11,619,157	+4.41

Top six		Bottom six	
N'hamptn	+151.82	Carlisle Utd	-25.07
Plymouth	+109.64	Darlington	-25.29
Wimb'don	+101.18	Chelsea	-25.67
Charlton	+89.93	Bristol R	-26.88
Preston	+89.57	Birmingham	-33.99
Camb Utd	+49.72	Hartlepool	-39.09

Swansea face League probe

Swansea City face a Football League inquiry after postponing last night's fourth division match at Rochdale against the League's wishes. Swansea twice applied to the League for permission to call off the game because of their worsening injury and illness crisis but each time were turned down.

Swansea have eight players suffering with virus symptoms and six more on the injured list. A League spokesman said Swansea have taken the decision unilaterally without the League's sanction. The club could now face a heavy fine.

● In the wake of speculation about Crystal Palace's merger with Wimbledon, Palace's joint leading scorers, Tony Finnigan and Andy Gray, have both made transfer requests because of doubts about their futures.

● Manchester City have failed to sign the Blackpool forward Paul Stewart in time for Saturday's match with Manchester United. City's bid of £150,000 for Blackpool's leading scorer fell at least £50,000 short of Blackpool's valuation.

● Wimbledon have signed their former player, Francis Joseph on a month's loan from Brentford. It is a surprise return since Joseph has not been a regular member of the Brentford team since breaking a leg last year. He could get an immediate call-up for tonight's League game at Aston Villa.

● Three players, who have been loaned out for a month, are expected to make their transfer permanent today, and a fourth, Steve Francis, Chelsea's 22-year old reserve goalkeeper, has already joined Reading for £15,000, having only moved last week on a month's loan. The three are David Geddis, the Birmingham City forward, who is expected to sign for Shrewsbury in a £25,000 deal, Bobby McDonald, Oxford United's 31-year-old left back, who will sign for Leeds United for £15,000, and Kevan Brown, who will join Brighton from Southampton for £7,500 subject to a medical. Brown, who failed to break into Southampton's first team during his four years there, has played the last three matches in Brighton's defence.

Dean Saunders, the Brighton forward, has pulled out of a £50,000 move to Sheffield United because he could not agree on personal terms.

● Middlesbrough hope to complete the signing of the Celtic midfield player Ronnie Coyle

Walsall have glory despite defeat

Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, said it was "right and proper" that the glory should go to Walsall after his team beat them 1-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the FA Cup.

"They deserve every bit of it but I think we deserve to have won through," he said. "We have made harder work of it over the three games than was necessary. Anyone who thinks you can come to a third division ground and automatically impose extra quality on the opposition doesn't know what he is talking about".

The skills which once stunned Brazil shattered Walsall and made the full back, Andy Dornan, the unwilling and undeserved instrument of Watford's passage to a meeting with Arsenal. Dornan, a £17,000 signing from Motherwell, sliced a viciously swinging cross from John Barnes into his own goal after 27 mintues for the only score of another nerve-testing fifth-round replay.

Trapped by the corner flag, Barnes, scorer of a wonderful goal for England against Brazil, cleverly worked his way back down the touchline and made room for himself to drive the knee-high ball towards his colleague, Luther Blissett. Walsall's goalkeeper, Fred Barber, stayed on his line and Dornan's first-time clearance sliced past him

A thunderous volley from Stockport's Les Robinson salvaged their fourth division game with Orient from the scrapheap. Offside traps used by both teams had ruined things until Robinson struck in the 65th minute. A Matthewson throw glanced off the head of a defender and Robinson volleyed home from the edge of the penalty area. He struck again in the 83rd minute for a 2-2 draw.

Penguins show a good mix

The weather prevented the first meeting last season between Oxford University and the invitation touring side, the Penguins, but all seems set fair for their inaugural encounter at Iffley Road today — save that the university are much afflicted by injuries, among them Ashley Johnson, the stand-off half (David Hands writes).

The Penguins have invited an interesting mix of players, including a couple of Berkshire forwards, Lynch, the prop, and Loudwell, the No. 8, who will enjoy playing in the company of Lyn Jones, the Neath flanker, and Cronin, the up-and-coming Bath lock who has already appeared for the Anglo-Scots in the inter-district championship.

Penguins' one international is behind the scrum where Huw Davies plays full back. Davies is joined by Knibbs, the Bristol centre, and Turner, the Newport stand-off half, all of them men who revel in open spaces and broken play.

Cambridge University play another invitation XV, the northern-based Anti-Assassins who field Melville, at scrum half. The former England captain's appearances for Headingley are becoming more frequent since his 'retirement' from first-class rugby last year and today he links with Walsh, the England Under-23 stand-off half.

Tony Rodgers, the Cambridge coach, is due to turn out at lock for the visitors who will also have Metcalfe, Moseley's captain and former Cambridge full back, available.

●The Welsh Rugby Union has donated £1,000 to the John Bevan Memorial Appeal for leukaemia research in Wales.

Davies is expected to be fit

By David Hands

The crop of injuries sustained at the weekend by players from the Welsh and Scottish international squads should be resolved, in part, today.

Jonathan Davies, the Neath stand-off half due to play against England in Cardiff on Saturday, should indicate that he has recovered satisfactorily from a 'dead leg' and his Scottish equivalent, John Rutherford, should have recovered from a thigh strain in time to take part in tomorrow's training at Murrayfield before departure for Paris and the match against France.

Monday evening's Welsh training was disrupted by injuries, with queries remaining over John Devereux, the South Glamorgan Institute centre, and Robert Norster, the experienced Cardiff lock. Devereux is reasonably happy with a slight hamstring pull, but Norster has a damaged thumb, the legacy of an old injury.

Mark Ring, the Cardiff centre, was asked to join the workout and today's training at Waterton Cross will decide whether there will be any withdrawals.

Rutherford's half-back partner, Roy Laidlaw, had a strained neck at the weekend and Alan Tomes, Iain Milne and Matt Duncan were all suffering from minor ailments which, it is hoped, will have cleared up by tomorrow.

Scotland's Under-21 side, whose programme this season includes an international with Wales in Wrexham next month, play Scottish Universities at Inverleith this afternoon, with a side including three Anglo-Scots: Fraser Harrold (West London Institute) plays centre outside Carson Russell, the Wasps stand-off half. The pack includes the London Scottish and Army prop, George Graham.

SCOTLAND UNDER-21: R Kemp (Kilmarnock); D Stark (Kilmarnock), G McKechnie (Jed-Forest, captain), F Harrold (West London Institute), E Weatherley (Melrose); C Russell (Wasps), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); G Graham (London Scottish and Army), B Huntley (Watsonians), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), D Buzby (Hillhead), A Baxter (Howe of Fyfe), E Simpson (Stewart's-Melville FP), G Drummond (Boroughmuir), B Renwick (Hawick).

Army have first call on Carling's loyalty

The Army have told Will Carling, who is on an Army-sponsored scholarship at Durham University, that he cannot play for Harlequins in their John Smith's merit table game at Leicester on Saturday as they require him for their fixture with the Royal Navy at Twickenham.

It will be Carling's second appearance at Twickenham in four days — he turns out for Durham against Bristol in today's UAU final. To cap a memorable week, the England B and North centre, aged 20, plays for the Barbarians against East Midlands in the Mobbs memorial game at Northampton next Wednesday.

Harlequins have recalled Simon Cooke, the former Cambridge Blue for Carling, while Jamie Salmon, the centre, and Marcus Rose, the full back, are on England duty against Wales at Cardiff Arms Park.

● Wasps have de-meritised their merit table game at Coventry on Saturday because they have three players on international duty. Kevin Simms, the centre and Rob Andrew, the stand-off half, play for England and Jeff Proby, the flank forward, is on the bench. They are replaced by Paul Minihan, Andy Barnard and Paul Hackett.

Chris Sibley, the centre, and Peter Rowland, in the back row, both aged 19, will make their debuts for Coventry.

● Moseley, who gave Bath such a battle in the quarter-final of the John Player Cup, will be unchanged for the visit to Blackheath on Sunday. Murray Jones, the stand-off half whose place kicking was so sorely missed at Bath, is still nursing an hamstring injury.

Richards back with reasons to be cheerful

Dean Richards, the Leicester No. 8, will make his return to rugby when he plays in a second-team match against Nottingham on Saturday. (David Hands writes).

Richards' injury — damaged knee ligaments, sustained against Metropolitan Police on January 24 — has kept him out of the England team, although he will hope to challenge for a place in the side against Scotland on April 4. He will also be keen to be in the Leicester line-up for the John Player Special Cup quarter-final against Bristol on March 14.

His captain, Les Cusworth, mindful of that game, has withdrawn with regret from the Barbarians side to play East Midlands at Northampton on March 11.

Ireland put hopefuls to the test

By George Ace

Ireland's team to play France at Lansdowne Road on March 21 is likely to be unchanged from that which lost to Scotland at Murrayfield last Saturday week. But the players on view tonight at Ravenhill when the Combined Provinces take on The Rest in an unofficial Irish trial, with no current member of the international team in action, will be carefully watched by the selectors.

The team to play Wales in Cardiff on April 4 plus the substitutes will give the first clear indication of the men most likely to bear the brunt of the action during the World Cup campaign.

That the Irish team did not perform to its potential at Murrayfield was an accepted fact; too many lines got crossed and too many players chose the same afternoon to give performances completely out of character.

There was a question mark placed against the names of some of Ireland's World Cup 'certainties' after Murrayfield. And the men on duty tonight have everything to play for.

COMBINED PROVINCES: P Rainey (Ballymena); T Kennedy (St Mary's), P Clinch (Lansdowne), M Finn (Cork Cons), T McMaster (Bangor); A Ward (Greystones), A Rolland (Blackrock), J McCoy (Bangor), C Fitzgerald (St Mary's, capt), B McKibbin (Instonians), D Morrow (Bangor), M Moylett (Shannon), N Francis (Blackrock), W Sexton (Garryowen), B Spillane (Bohemians).

THE REST: P Danaher (Lansdowne); J Sexton (Dublin University), D Irwin (Instonians, capt), W Harbinson (Malone), G O'Kelly (Dolphin); R Keyes (Cork Cons), A Doyle (Greystones); J Langbroek (Blackrock), J McDonald (Malone), P McCarthy (Dolphin), W Duncan (Malone), J Holland (Cork Cons), J Collins (Dublin University), P Collins (Lansdowne), M Gibson (London Irish).

Referee: S R Hilditch (Ulster).

'The Bear' is a necessity for Scottish ambition

Milne: formidable

By Ian McLauchlan

Physical requirements of the modern rugby player have changed radically with the numerous law adjustments which have taken place over the last few years. Now the call is for big, fast and agile forwards who can run, jump and handle like backs rather than become embroiled in close quarter combat.

It is therefore somewhat ironical that Scotland's cornerstone for their match against France in Paris on Saturday will be Iain Milne, probably the least mobile man in the team. *'The Bear'* as he is affectionally known is a big man who, though billed at 16½ stone, is probably pushing the scales a little higher these days. He is a formidable scrummager on the tight-head who sees his job in the scrum as the anchor man on the Scotland ball and as a disruptive force on opposition possession.

Scotland have played two smallish locks over the last two years and yet have always managed to hold their own in the scrums. Much of the credit for this is due to Milne's strength in the scrum.

Though primarily picked for his static work it would be less than fair to consider him as only a scrummager. His try against Glasgow in the McEwen's Inter-District championship was a grand solo effort which covered some 22 metres, while his dexterity in going to ground to capture the ball belies his bulk and is a fine example to any young player.

Milne, aged 31, is the veteran of 35 internationals. Scottish trips to New Zealand, Australia, the United States and Canada, as well as the 1983 Lions tour to New Zealand. During his time he has experienced the less savoury side of the game but has never himself resorted to any underhand tricks: "I believe that there is no place in the game for dirty play and if a player punches then it is generally because you are having the better of him."

Although many jokes are cracked about his lack of appetite for training Milne is conscientious about his fitness. He rarely misses a club session at Heriots where, along with his brothers David and Kenny who are both B caps, he forms the most formidable club unit in the country. He also trains on Mondays and Wednesdays each week in a local gymnasium and, although he admits to being no Alan Wells, he always "gets there" in the loose.

Saturday's game against France recalls to mind the final match of Scotland's grand slam season of 1984 when, to the surprise of many observers, the players nominated Milne as the man of the match — rare praise indeed for a member of the front-row union.

Milne is optimistic about the season ahead, both in the rest of the home championships and in the World Cup. Scotland's success, he observes, is as much to do with team spirit as it has with the class of the players.

RACKETS

Doubles pair snatch win for Cambridge

By William Stephens

Cambridge won the University match 2-1 at Queen's Club yesterday when they secured the deciding doubles 4-2.

The match was of high quality. In the first game Oxford led 10-2, mainly through the severity of Crocker's service. Over-ambition, however, with his volley allowed Cambridge into the service box and they dominated to lead 13-11. From 13-13, Oxford had game point at 15-13, only to lose 15-16 and again lost from 14-11 in the second game. The match continued to be finely balanced until the sixth game when Spurling served through to 13-0 and Fairbarns sealed victory.

The most notable player in the event was Spurling, who won the HK Foster Cup in 1983. He outplayed Crocker.

RESULTS: Cambridge 2, Oxford 1 (Cambridge first): W M Fairbarns (Wellington and Magdalene) lost to S G Harford (Winchester and St John's), 5-15, 4-15, 15-12, 3-15; A M Spurling (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall) bt J M Crocker (Winchester and Harford), 15-3, 15-1, 15-5; Spurling and Fairbarns bt Harford and Crocker 16-15 17 14 9-15 15-9 2-15, 15-0

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 121, Washington Bullets 99; Dallas Mavericks 135, Phoenix Suns 112; Houston Rockets 105, San Antonio Spurs 100; Sacramento Kings 117, Denver Nuggets 114

BILLIARDS

BOLTON: Monarflex world championship: Quarter-final: N Dagley (Eng) 3, I Williamson (Eng), 1; R Foldvari (Aus) 3, F Davis (Eng), 1.

BOWLS

NORTHAMPTON: English women's national indoor championships: Fours: First round: Spalding 27, York 9; Beccles 22, King George, Chessington 21; Cotswold 20, Atherley, Southampton 17; Towerlands, Braintree 23, Old Coulsdon 13. Picketts Lock 25, Cambridge Chesterton 12; Darlington 24, Torbay 23; Desborough 24, Bristol 15; Dartford 35, King Alfred, Hove 12. Quarter-finals: Darlington 24, Picketts Lock 15; Spalding 29, Beccles 16, Towerlands, Braintree 27, Cotswold Stroud 20; Desbrough, Maidenhead 23, Dartford Stone Lodge 13. Semi-finals: Towerlands 24, Spalding 14; Darlington 27, Desborough 19. Final: Darlington 34, Towerlands 15. Triples: First round: Blackpool Fylde bt Essex County, Westcliff on Sea 17-16, Cambridge Chesterton bt Marina, Great Yarmouth, 27-10; Clevedon bt Solent, Portsmouth, 24-16; Herts, Watford bt Egham 20-15; Picketts Lock 13, Croydon 14; Concordia, Northumberland 17, Falaise, Sussex 15. Folkestone 25, Rugby Thornfield, Warwickshire 10; Spalding 27, Torbay 8. Quarter-finals: Herts 17, Croydon 13; Cambridge, Chesterton 15, Blackpool Fylde 23; Clevedon 17, Concordia 10.

Pairs: First round: Erewash, Notts 13, Mansfield 22; Teeside, Cleveland 22, Cherwell, Oxford 34; Cotswold 20, British Cellophane, Somerset 22; Norfolk and Norwich 18, Atherley, Hants 27; Peterborough 9, West Cornwall 28

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 4, Boston Bruins 3 (ot).

GOLF

PGA TOUR: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, C Pavin, $311,865; 2, L Wadkins, 264,825, 3, T-C Chen (Taiwan), 163,238; 4, P Azinger, 158,871; 5, B Langer (WG), 147,485; 6, M Calcavecchia, 127,025; 7, D Pooley, 122,431; 8, J Miller, 118,968; 9, B Crenshaw, 113,957; 10, G Burns, 113,080; 11, H Sutton, 112,877; 12, F Couples, 110,665; 13, B Tway, 98,519; 14, M O'Grady, 97,397; 15, S Ballesteros (Sp), 95,738; 16, B Wadkins, 95,324; 17, T Kite, 93,806; 18, J C Snead, 85,054; 19, P Stewart, 85,268; 20, C Stadler, 83,603.

SPEED SKATING

HAMAR: Men's World Cup: 500m: 1, S Fokistyev (USSR), 37.48sec. 1,000m: 1, N Thometz (US), 1min 17.51sec. 1,500m: 1, M Hadschieff (Austria), 1:58.66. World Cup standings: 1, A Kurowa (Jap), 149pts; 2, N Thometz (US), 142; 3, D Jensen (US), 116. **HELSINKI:** Women's World Cup event: 500m: 1, B Blair (US), 41.31. 1,000m: 1, K Kania (EG), 1:24.21. 1,500m: 1, Y van Gennip (Neth), 2:09 74. 3,000m: 1, A Ehrig (EG), 4:31.03. 3,000m standings: 1, van Gennip, 67pts; 2, M Stam (Neth), 52, 3, L Bader (US), 51.

SQUASH RACKETS

MUNICH: European Open championship: Final: C Dittmar (Aus) bt R Norman (NZ), 9-5, 5-9, 9-2, 9-5. Third place play-off: P Kenyon (GB) bt R Thorne (Aus), 9-2, 9-2, 9-5. **ABERDEEN:** Scottish Open: Men's final: M Maclean (Scot) bt A Naylor (Eng), 9-6, 9-0, 9-6. Women's final: S Devoy (NZ) bt L Soutter (Eng), 9-4, 9-7, 9-5.

TENNIS

WITA RANKINGS: 1, M Navratilova (US); 2, S Graf (WG); 3, C Lloyd (US); 4, H Mandlikova (Cz), 5, P Shriver (US); 6, H Sukova (Cz); 7, Z Garrison (US); 8, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 9, K Rinaldi (US); 10, G Sabatini (Arg); 11, M Maleeva (Bul); 12, B Bunge (WG); 13, L McNeil (US), 14, C Lindqvist (Swe); 15, W Turnbull (Aus); 16, R White (US); 17, S Rehe (US); 18, R Reggi (It); 19, M Gurney (US); 20, S Hanika (WG)

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Queen's Park Rangers 3, Norwich City 3.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 1, Territorial Army 2.

Monday's late results

FA CUP: Fifth round, second replay: Walsall 0, Watford 1. (Watford away to Arsenal).

FOURTH DIVISION: Stockport 2, Orient 2.

SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth round, second replays: Dundee 2, Meadowbank 0; Raith 3, Peterhead 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester City 4, Blackburn Rovers 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 0, Sutton United 0.

GMAC CUP: Maidstone 5, Yeovil 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE, Midland division.
Hednesford 1, Grantham 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Rhyl 0, Morecambe 1.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Barnet 6, Enfield 3.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Chelsea 2, Brighton and Hove Albion 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: Quarter-final: Manchester City 3, Leeds United 0.

OLYMPIC GAMES

North Korea insist on more events

Tokyo (AP) — North Korea insisted yesterday that eight of the 23 events in the 1988 Olympics should be moved from South Korea to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

Chin Chung Guk, vice chairman of the North Korean Olympic Committee, told a news conference, however, that the North was not rejecting the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) proposal to stage two events in the North. But he added that two events are not enough, and that "our side should host one-third (of the 23 events) in view of the population proportion in the North and the South."

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president said after talks with a North Korean delegation last month: "I think the offer is a very generous proposal and it is difficult to offer any more." But he said it was important to keep the North Koreans at the bargaining table, and that they would be isolated if they tried to lead a Communist-bloc boycott of the Games.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Igls	20	140	good	varied	poor	snow	-3
New snow on hard base							
St Anton	75	330	good	powder	good	snow	-4
Avalanche danger, many lifts closed							
Sölden	70	220	good	heavy	good	cloud	-5
New snow on good base							
FRANCE							
La Plagne	110	160	good	powder	good	fine	-6
Excellent skiing							
Tignes	145	210	good	heavy	good	snow	0
Snowing hard							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	40	160	good	varied	good	cloud	0
New snow on very hard base							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	100	190	good	heavy	good	snow	-5
Good skiing							
Grindelwald	50	165	good	good	fair	snow	0
Icy on lower slopes							
Villars	50	160	good	powder	good	snow	-8
New snow on hard base.							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, surface icy; middle runs, runs complete, surface icy; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, surface icy; vertical runs, 1,800ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main, roads clear; snow level, 1,500ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard packed snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Forecast for today: cloudy with occasional snow in the morning, becoming drier and brighter during the afternoon; fresh to strong south-easterly winds becoming westerly; freezing level, 2,000ft. Outlook for tomorrow: mainly dry and bright at first; sleet or snow spreading from west during day.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Loss announced

Huddersfield Town, the second division club battling to avoid relegation, yesterday announced a club record loss of over £200,000 for the financial year to July 31, 1986. The club's overdraft has now risen to almost £315,000.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ghinzani joins Ligier team

Ligier, the French motor-racing team, have named Pier-Carlo Ghinzani as their replacement for Jacques Laffite in the coming Formula One season. The 35-year-old Italian was with Osella last year.

Laffite, aged 43, is still unsure of his future in racing after sustaining multiple fractures in his legs in the British Grand Prix at Brands Hatch last year. He has twice postponed test drives in this closed season.

Cash row over

The dispute over fees paid to teams taking part in the Sharjah limited-overs cricket tournament in Dubai next month was yesterday settled. England, Australia, India and Pakistan, the coutnries taking part, would receive $50,000 (about £32,000) and play for £90,000 in prize money.

Foreman's job

George Foreman, the 38-year-old former world heavyweight boxing champion, will fight Steve Zowski, aged 28, in a 10-round bout in Sacramento, California, next Monday. Foreman has not fought since 1977.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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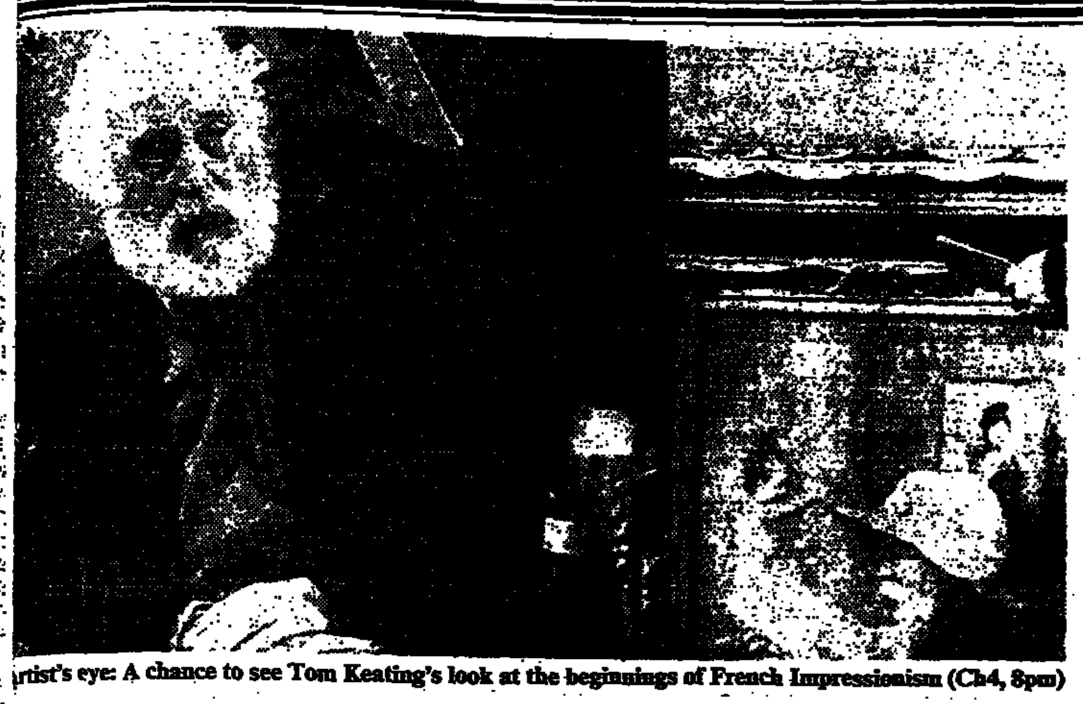

Artist's eye: A chance to see Tom Keating's look at the beginnings of French Impressionism (Ch4, 8pm)

Women and children first

● The most enjoyable programme of the day is a repeat of the late Tom Keating On Impressionism (Ch4, 8pm). The satisfying business of watching artists at work on television is almost invariably relegated to children's programmes, which is a pity. Keating demonstrates that the simplest television is often the best: he talks plainly and knowledgably while illustrating the various styles of outdoor painting used by the French Impressionists. He knocks off a Rousseau (identical technique to Constable). A hasty Boudin follows: "We don't have time for this now," Keating grumbles, painting against the clock (television usually disguises the passing of time). Then how to do the dots in a Pissarro which, once dotted, can, we learn, be dotted between the dots.

CHOICE

● Noel Coward apparently preferred to sail on boats that weren't British because in the event of accident there was none of that business of "women and children first". *This sentiment finds its way* into the title song of Tickets for the Titanic (Ch4, 10pm), a series of three plays supposed to suit the mood of Britain in the 1980s. Pretty bleak it is, too, according to *Keeping Score*, which, behind an uncertain comedy façade, suggests that any revolutionary gesture will be absorbed by the Establishment. *Keeping Score is what is fashionably* called black comedy, which these days usually means a certain modishness and a confusion of sarcasm with cynicism. Imagine *To the Manor Born* recommissioned by Channel 4 and reprocessed for a younger audience and you have something akin to *Keeping Score* — peer's rebellious daughter working at the DHSS teams up with under privileged youth and they perpetrate various pranks to get their own back on the world: revenge against Daddy (Charles Gray in good liverish form), unbalancing the economy, and so on. A sour *ending puts everyone in the same* boat and sinking fast.

● L'Amour des Chaines (Ch4, 9pm) is a Belgian documentary on the future of European television. It features an interview with the former French Minister of Culture, Jack Lang, and also looks at the threats to existing broadcasting from new channels and to European production from American imports.

Chris Petit

That sinking feeling: Banks (Martyn Hesford) in Tickets for the Titanic (Ch4, 10pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.55 Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.

8.40 Watchdog. In the Hot Seat this week fielding complaints about the service provided by GPs is Dr John Marks, chairman of the BMA Council 8.55 Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather 9.05 Day to Day. With Robert Kilroy-Silk. 9.45 Advice Shop. Grants available to people living on supplementary benefit. (r)

0.00 News and weather 10.05 Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Children's BBC. With Phillip Schofield. 10.30 Play School. (r) 10.50 The Wombles. (r)

0.55 Five to Eleven. Geraldine McEwan with a thought for the day 11.00 News and weather 11.05 Holiday 87. A Spanish health farm, horse riding, and a cruise on a schooner. (r) 11.35 Open Air. Includes news and weather at 12.00

2.20 The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from Newcastle upon Tyne 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather 1.25 Neighbours. Philip receives terrible news about one of his children. 1.50 Chock-a-Block. (r)

2.05 The Clothes Show. The first of a new fashion series presented by Selina Scott and Jeff Banks 2.30 Film: Carry On Constable* (1960) starring Sidney James, Eric Barker, and Leslie Phillips. This fourth 'Carry On' concerns raw police recruits and their first posting. Directed by Gerald Thomas.

3.50 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Part one (r) 4.00 Stilgoe's On. With Richard Stilgoe. (r) 4.10 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon 4.15 Jackanory. Part three of The Calf of the November Cloud 4.30 Bananaman. (r) 4.35 Fast Forward. Video fun.

5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Dead Entry. Episode three of the drama serial 5.35 The Raccoons. The first of a new animated cartoon series.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. Bruce Forsyth's guests are Ben Vereen, Peter Alliss, and John Knight.

7.35 The Clothes Show. A repeat of the programme shown this afternoon.

8.00 Dallas: The Early Years. The second and final part of the drama revealing the origins of the bitter feud between the Ewing and Barnes families. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Q.E.D.: Your Biological Guide to Aids. With Doctors Gillian Rice, Graeme Garden, and Alan Maryon Davis. (Ceefax)

10.00 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. Boxing: the Commonwealth Heavyweight Championship bout between Horace Notice and Proud Kilimanjaro, from Dudley Town Hall; Athletics: the world indoor championships which begin this weekend in Indianapolis; Rugby Union: a preview of the weekend's internationals.

11.15 Aids: Getting the Message Across. How governments of other countries have spread the word about the killer disease.

11.35 Open Air - Aids Special. A 'phone-in on Aids, introduced by Pattie Coldwell.

12.05 Weather.

Acoustic music from Michelle Shocked (above) collides with gothic rock from The Mission in Whistle Test (BBC2, 8pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Management and the School. Ends at 7.20.

9.00 Ceefax.

9.15 Daytime on Two: the Edinburgh East constituency during the last general election 9.35 Ceefax 10.00 For four- and five-year olds 10.15 Science Workshop: basic patterns 'B' 10.38 How scientists try to predict events 11.00 Words and pictures.

11.17 The story of an oak tree 11.40 Maths at work 12.02 Technology and design 12.25 Basic Spanish 12.50 French language 1.10 a guide to business jargon 1.38 Scotland's Great Glen 2.00 News and weather 2.02 Pigeon racing 2.15 Canadian Eskimos. (Ceefax)

2.35 Sports Afternoon introduced by David Icke. News from home and abroad and a preview of the weekend's sports programme. Includes news and weather at 3.00.

3.50 News, regional news, and weather.

4.00 Pamela Armstrong.

4.40 The World of the 30s. Mussolini's Italy; and Franco's Spanish Civil War.

5.05 My Music. Lighthearted music quiz set and presented by Steve Race. (r)

5.30 Cover to Cover. For Jewish Book Week, Jill Neville and her guests discuss the best of new Jewish fiction.

6.00 Film: Tension at Table Rock (1956) starring Richard Egan and Dorothy Malone. Western adventure about a man branded as a coward who decides to make a new life for himself at Table Rock, which turns out to be a small town in thrall of marauding Texan trailherders. Directed by Charles Marquis Warren.

7.35 Take Nobody's Word for It. Do-it-yourself science series presented by Carol Mather and Professor Ian Fells. The guests are Professor Richard Gregory, and Francis Evans.

8.00 Whistle Test. Making her first appearance on Whistle Test is the Texan singer songwriter, Michelle Shocked. Also on the programme are The Mission, and, in concert in Paris, Deep Purple.

8.30 Out of Court. With David Jessel and Sue Cook.

9.00 M*A*S*H: Scandal threatens the 4077th when a visiting general, being entertained in Hotlips' tent, dies. (r)

9.25 Heart of the Country. Episode two of Fay Weldon's four-part comedy and Natalie tries to unravel the mysteries of the DHSS and to deal with the unscrupulous machinations of Arthur and Angus. (Ceefax)

10.25 Newsnight 11.10 Weather.

11.15 Ludwig van Beethoven. Daniel Barenboim plays the Piano Sonata No 18, Op 31 No 2.

11.40 Open University: Images of Health 12.05 Probability. Ends at 12.35.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 TV-am introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at 6.28 and 6.58; news at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.

7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and David Foster. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and video report at 8.35. After Nine includes a recipe; advice for cystitis sufferers; and, at 9.17, exercises.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 Schools: simple mathematical concepts 9.42 Controlling an aircraft in flight 9.59 Junior maths 10.16 The North's industries 10.33 Part two of Brecht's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* 11.03 Uses of computers 11.22 Working on a newspaper project 11.39 How widely French is spoken throughout the world.

12.00 Button Moon. Puppet series. (r) 12.10 Allsorts 12.30 Wish You Were Here..? Judith Chalmers is birdwatching in the Orkneys; Anneka Rice visits Devon; and Chris Kelly cruises the Baltic on a Russian liner. (r)

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news.

1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian township 2.30 On the Market. Susan Brookes and Mark Gorton with advice on the best fresh food buys.

3.00 Amoebas to Zebras. Wildlife quiz presented by Nigel Rees. With Martin Banks, Liz Bomford, and Tegwyn Harris 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Creepy Crawlies. Paul Nicholas with the story of The Other Sundial 4.10 Batfink. (r) 4.20 Sooty, with Matthew Corbett 4.45 Y.E.S. Adventures of a group of children who set up a Youth Enquiry Service.

5.15 Connections.

5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee explains the new, stricter, criteria for blood donors.

6.35 Crossroads. A practical joke upsets Lorraine.

7.00 This Is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews, in Hollywood, emotionally mugs another star-studded celebrity.

7.30 Coronation Street. Deirdre puts herself between husband Ken and employer Alf. (Oracle)

8.00 Sporting Triangles presented by Nick Owen. Jimmy Greaves and Tessa Sanderson are joined by Ian St John, Eric Bristow, Willie Thorne, and Roger Black.

8.30 Chance in a Million: The Tax-Man Commeth. Comedy series starring Simon Callow as the hapless Tom Chance, one of life's losers, tonight not completely non-plussed by the arrival of two prospective Portuguese hotel workers on his doorstep. With Brenda Blethyn. (r)

9.00 The Equalizer. McCall comes to the aid of a group of window cleaners whose plans to form a union are being thwarted by their ruthless employer who is not averse to killing in order to get his own way. Starring Edward Woodward. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 AIDS Help! Viv Taylor Gee with advice on how men and women can protect themselves from the specific dangers presented by the Aids virus. (Oracle)

10.40 Midweek Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. Boxing: the world light-welterweight championship bout between Terry Marsh and Joe Manley; Football: highlights from Uefa Cup and First Division games.

12.30 That's Hollywood. How young love has been portrayed on the screen.

12.55 Night Thoughts.

The Lady in red: Lady Marguerite (Annabella) watches the action from a safe distance in Under the Red Robe (Ch4, 2.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r)

2.30 Film: Under the Red Robe* (1937) starring Conrad Veight and Raymond Massey. Swashbuckling adventures of a 17th century French soldier of fortune who negotiates his freedom from the gallows by agreeing to capture a rebel Huguenot leader. Directed by Victor Seastrom.

4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson continues her series of programmes talking to a dozen people born in the 1947 post-war baby boom about how life has changed for them and their generation.

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Stephen Jones from Nottingham.

5.00 Chateauvallon. The French language, English subtitles, version of episode six of the drama serial shown on Monday.

6.00 The Marketing Mix. Part eight of the series on marketing examines the pricing of products. (Oracle) (r)

6.30 Dust and Dreams. Raising a family in post-war United States is the subject of this penultimate programme of the series based on films from the cinema news magazine, The March of Time. (Oracle)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Nick Owen includes a report from Nik Gowing in Kabul on Afghanistan's political future.

7.50 Comment. The political slot this week is filled by Michael Knowles, Conservative MP for Nottingham East. Weather.

8.00 Tom Keating on Impressionism. Part one of a six-programme series. (r) (Oracle) (see Choice)

8.30 Diverse Reports. Dele Oniya argues that the Government's advertising campaign on Aids isn't getting the message across that changes in behaviour are needed.

9.00 L'Amour des Chaines. A Belgian television documentary examining the future of European television.

10.00 Tickets for the Titanic: Keeping Score. The first of three black comedies exploring topical themes about life in Britain in the 1980s starring, tonight, Charles Gray and Tessa Peake-Jones. (see Choice)

11.00 AIDS Brief. The second of five programmes on Aids education.

11.05 Ask Dr Ruth. How parents cope with gay children is tonight's topic.

11.30 Film: A Woman's Privilege* (1962) A drama about a man suing a woman for breach of promise. Starring Bernard Archard and Ann Lynn. Directed by Anthony Bushell

12.00 Beyond Belief. Is the Church of England vague and compromised? Anthony Clare talks to the Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. Graham Leonard.

12.30 Their Lordships' House. Ends at 12.45.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Juice 12.05am-12.35 Film 87 12.35-12.40 News SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.00-11.15 Sportscene 12.00am-12.05 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Video Picture Show 12.05am-12.10 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 News and weather 12.30pm Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 Anglia News and Weather 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.30am The Lenten Angle, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Face the Press 1.20-1.30 Border News 3.25 News Headlines 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround Wednesday 10.40 Midweek Scotsport 12.30am Weather, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 5.15am-6.15 Central Jobfinder '87 1.20pm Central News 1.30-2.30 Arthur Hailey's Hotel 6.00-6.35 Central News 10.30-10.40 Coming Soon 12.30am Central Jobfinder '87 1.30 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 For Openers 12.30pm-1.00 The Paul Coia Show 1.20 Channel News and Weather 1.30-2.30 Hart to Hart 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.12 Puffin's Pla(i)ce 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 12.25am Weather, Close

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Granada Reports 12.30pm-1.00 Human Face of Japan 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30 Hart to Hart 2.25-2.30 Granada Reports 3.25 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.20-6.30 AIDS 10.30-10.40 AIDS 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.30 HTV News 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 HTV News 1.30-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.35 HTV News 12.30am Weather, close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 Scottish News 1.30 Live at One-Thirty 2.00-2.30 Wish You Were Here...? 3.30-4.00 Dining in France 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Scotland Today 10.40 Scotsport European Special 12.30am Late Call 12.35 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.30 TSW News and Weather 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 TSW News and Weather 2.25-2.30 Home Cookery Club 3.00-3.30 Mary 5.12 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 12.30am Postscript 12.35 Weather, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 TVS Outlook 12.30pm-1.00 Coast to Coast People 1.20 TVS News 1.30-2.30 Hart to Hart 3.25-4.00 TVS News followed by Young Doctors 5.12-5.45 TVS News Headlines followed by Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 12.30am Close

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20 Regional News 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 12.25am Come and Rejoice 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 The Day Ahead 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30 History of the Grand Prix 3.58-4.00 Ulster News 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.30 Ask Anne 12.25am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Calendar News and Weather 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live 1.20 Calendar News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 11.10am Ysgolion 11.45 Interval 12.15pm Film: Sailor Beware* (1956) 1.45 Their Lordships' House 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Looking into Paintings 3.00 The Last Sailors 4.00 Ffalabalam 4.15 Corachod 4.30 Thorongi 5.00 Bildowcar 5.30 Hogan's Heroes 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Mavis on 4 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Caryl 8.05 Her Straeon 8.50 Mae H'n Wylit, Mr Borrow 9.25 Film: Victims for Victims: The Therese Saldana Story (1984) 11.15 Max Headroom Show 11.45 Diverse Reports 12.15am Closedown.

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo VHF
News on the half hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then 10.00 and 12.00 midnight. 5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Simon Mayo's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Bruno Brookes (incl Top 30 Album Chart) 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 John Peel. VHF stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 8.30pm The Folk Bands of Scotland 9.00 Listen to the Band 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF
News on the hour. Headlines 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 Sports Desks 6.31, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only).
4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Barbara Windsor 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Folk on 2 (continued on VHF only from 8.00pm) 8.00 European Soccer Special 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Tom Mennard 10.15 Cantabile 10.30 Big Fight Special 11.30 Brian Matthew 1.00am Patrick Lunt 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News 7.30 Development '87 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Quote, Unquote 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Patrick Martyn's Music Box 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 My Word 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 People and Pets 11.25 A Letter From Wales (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Masterpiece in Miniature 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. News 1.30 Development '87 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Music of Work 3.30 Two Cheers for February 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Rock Salad 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Wales (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. News 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 International Soccer Special 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 - Top Twenty 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Two Cheers for February 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Technologies for the 21st Century 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Le Corbusier: Architect of Space 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 International Soccer Special (until 4.45) 5.45 The World Today. All times GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only) Open Forum: University Magazine

6.55 Weather 7.00 News

7.05 Morning Concert. Bach Sonata No 2 in A; Schubert Symphony No 6 (Academy of St Martin in the Fields under Sir Neville Marriner);

8.00 News

8.05 Morning Concert (cont). Mendelssohn Overture: Meeresstille und glückliche Fahrt (Vienna PO under Christoph von Dohnanyi); Borodin: The Sea Princess (Sarah Walker, mezzo soprano); Sibelius: The Tempest, Suite No 2 (RLPO under Sir Charles Groves); Purcell: If music be the food of love; Walton Suite: Henry V (RPO under André Previn)

9.00 World Service News

9.10 This Week's Composers. Koechlin: Partita for chamber orchestra (Louisville Orchestra under Jorge Mester); La méditation de Purum Bhagât (Rheinland-Pfalz State PO under Leif Segerstam). Dukas: L'apprenti sorcier NBC SO under Arturo Toscanini)

10.00 Mstislav Rostropovich (cello): Brahms Sonata in E minor, Op 38, with Rudolph Serkin (piano); Britten Sonata in C, Op 65

10.50 Equale Brass. John Taverner, Alkan, arr Roger Smalley, John Wallace, Rameau, arr Wallace.

11.30 Matinée musicale: French music. Ulster Orchestra conducted by Barry Wordsworth, with Leonora Carney (piano): incl Delibes Galliarde; Fauré Impromptu No 2, Ballad, Op 19, Nocturne No 4.

12.30 Blues with a Difference. Kingsley Amis looks at the work of Sidney Bechet, who was born in New Orleans in 1897.

1.00 News

1.05 Concert Hall, from the Wigmore Hall, London. Songs by Schumann and Fauré, with Jane Manning (Soprano) and David Mason (piano).

2.00 Liszt Orchestral Songs. BBC Concert Orchestra led by Roy Gillard and conducted by Simon Joy

2.50 Record Review with Paul Vaughan. Building a Library: Berg's violin Concert by Arnold Whittall; Rodney Milnes reviews recent opera recordings by Johann Strauss (son), Donizetti and Giordano

4.00 Choral Evensong for Ash Wednesday direct from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge

5.00 World Service News

5.10 Midweek Choice. Weber's Jubel Overture (Bamberg SO under Theodor Guschlbauer); Chapi's Flores plurisimas (Enrico Caruso, tenor); Arnold's Variations on a Ukrainian folk song (Edna Iles, piano); Johan Wikmanson's String Quartet in E minor, Op 1, No 2 (Saulesco Quartet); Hekel Tavares's Piano Concerto in Brazilian forms (Felicja Blumenthal, LSO under Anatole Fistoulari); Massenet Suite: Scenes alsaciennes (Monte Carlo National Opera Orchestra under John Eliot Gardiner)

6.55 News

7.00 Mendelssohn Songs. Recital by Maldwyn Davies (tenor) and Iain Ledingham (piano)

7.30 Science On 3 (new series).

8.15 Villa-Lobos. Turibo Santos plays his 12 studies.

8.45 Short Story: A Morning with the Versatile Peer, Lord Berners, in the Ancient Seat Of Learning

9.00 Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra (leader Malcolm Stewart) conducted by Sir Charles Groves. Part 1: Beethoven Overture: Coriolan; Alexander Goehr Symphony in one movement. With Alfred Brendel (piano)

9.40 Six Continents. Angus McDermid surveys recent foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC

10.00 Concert. Part 2: Brahms: Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor

11.00 Chamber Music from Manchester. Medici String Quartet: Haydn Quartet in G, Op 54, No 4; Smetana Quartet No 1 in E minor

11.57-12.00 News

Radio 4

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 6.45 Business news 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 Today's News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel

9.00 News

9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time.

10.30 Morning Story. A New Development by Eddie James.

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; Travel; Thomas the Talk. An Affectionate tribute to Wynford Vaughan-Thomas, the famous broadcaster who died earlier this year.

11.48 Passing Trades? A series of five programmes in which David Wilmott learns about familiar but disappearing trades.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs with John Howard.

12.27 Proof by Dick Francis, dramatised in 8 parts (3) (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One. News

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Sue MacGregor

3.00 News; Welsh Drama Night People by Michael Davis (s)

3.47 Time for Verse: Poet Alex Lykiard with poems about dreams and nightmares. 7: Premonition or Prophecy (s)

4.00 News

4.05 File on 4. People Power or People's Army? A special report from the Philippines where, a year after the demise of President Marcos, there is continuing indecision about what exactly constitutes the best hope for land reform and social justice.

4.45-5.00 Kaleidoscope Extra. People Shows. Paul Allen investigates the fascination for watching ourselves on television.

5.00pm News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather

6.00 The Six O'Clock News. Financial report

6.30 The Milligan Papers & The Incurables (Part 2)(s) 7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Face the Facts. John Waite and his team of investigators tackle injustice, fraud, the abuse of power and inept bureaucracy.

7.45 The Cross and the Crescent. A history of the Crusades. Malcolm Billings presents the seventh of an eight part series exploring the motivation, the route and stopping places of the 11th century crusades (s)

8.15 Analysis. Interview with Neil Kinnock by Hugo Young.

9.00 Welsh Drama (s) Butts, by William Ingram.

9.30 A Sideways Look At...Anthony Smith offers his own perspective on the world.

9.45 Kaleidoscope

10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert (13)(s) 10.29 Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament

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Hughes stakes his future against Dundee

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Mark Hughes has stepped out of Gary Lineker's shadow and into the full glare of Spanish speculation. As he prepares for the first leg of the UEFA Cup quarter-final at Dundee United tonight he was surprised to learn that apparently he could be playing for his future at Barcelona as well.

Hughes, already the subject of a rumour tenuously linking him with Juventus, yesterday became the central figure in a press conference that might have been held in the Nou Camp rather than on the edge of St Andrews golf course. Spanish journalists asked almost all of the questions and Terry Venables responded increasingly impatiently with one answer.

On Monday a leading article in a local newspaper, for which Venables's ghost-writes a column, stated that Hughes was about to be replaced by Steve Archibald. Barcelona's manager was nudged, prodded, probed and pushed into uttering words of confirmation. Persistently he refused to do so. "Absolute lies," he said.

But the Spanish media believe that the directors at Barcelona are applying pressure on Venables, albeit indirectly in print, to make the change. Venables himself insists that "nobody has mentioned" the topic to him. Moreover, he added: "I will do what I want to do and when I want to do it."

Archibald has performed without distinction twice for Barcelona's reserves this season. Under the complicated Spanish system governing foreign players, if the Scot was registered as a member of the first team squad (he did not travel to Dundee), Hughes would presumably be dropped and be excluded for the rest of the season.

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The strike rate of Hughes has provoked the speculation. Any man wearing a No. 9 shirt in Spain is expected to score goals and the Welsh international has been credited with only four in 28 League games so far. His creative ability, although much appreciated by Venables and particularly by Lineker, offers apparently scant compensation.

The startling 4-0 defeat at home by Sporting Gijon on Saturday night stirred the dissatisfaction and it has since been poured on to the head of the unfortunate Hughes. His consolation, he claims, is that "the fans are still giving me their support and seem happy about my contribution."

So is Venables, although he admitted that the overall performance of his side four days ago was "so bad that it is best just to forget it. No one will let us, though. We tried to chase the game and lost our discipline. When we lose we seem to lose heavily."

Two years ago, after being humiliated in their own spacious arena by Lens in the UEFA Cup, Barcelona went on to win the Spanish title. He is now awaiting a similar reaction.

Venables preferred as usual not to reveal his line-up, although he stated that all of his representatives are available. Victor, who was missing on Saturday through suspension, is expected to be included and so are Caldere and Moratalla.

Jim McLean, United's manager, employed the same secretive tactic, although he is sure to make at least one change from the side that knocked out Hajduk Split in the previous round. Ferguson, once of Rangers, was ineligible then but is no longer. Hegarty, another absentee, is regarded as doubtful.

United, unlike Barcelona, have no need to respond to adversity. They tuned up for the occasion by beating Celtic 4-1 and Venables recognizes that the Scottish championship contenders are "a strong all-round team. Even the youngsters that have come in look as though they could be stars of the future."

He refuted suggestions that Barcelona would play for a draw. "We know how important an away goal can be," he warned. United, however, have yet to be broken by foreign opposition at Tannadice Park this season.

Under pressure: Venables, manager of Barcelona, besieged at both ends, plays a defensive game against the Press at Dundee

Official angers Croker

Ted Croker, the Football Association secretary, was angry last night over comments by a top UEFA official which appeared to pre-judge England's attempt for European re-entry.

Croker leads a delegationt to Switzerland on March 10 when the ban will be reviewed, but yesterday the UEFA general secretary, Hans Bangerter, said he was "very sceptical" about an immediate end to the League clubs' expulsion, which followed the Heysel tragedy.

"I'm absolutely staggered by these comments and very annoyed," said Croker. "It's an amazing statement for him to make. We were preparing our case on the basis that members would go to the meeting with an open mind, but these comments are obviously geared to influence their thinking."

English clubs have been without competitive European action for two seasons, and many people are under the impression that they would now be welcomed back. Bangerter, obviously, has other ideas.

Bond charged over attack on Robson

John Bond, the Birmingham City manager, has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute after an attack on Bobby Robson, the England manager.

Bond said in a newspaper article England would never win anything under Robson's control, and criticized his style of management.

The article brought a swift response from Ted Croker, the secretary of the Football Association, who is determined to stamp out personal attacks by leading figures in the game which had reached 'deplorable proportions'.

However, an unrepentant Bond said last night: "All I did was to express a point of view. I have more on my mind now than to worry about a petty things like that."

Allen set to make Cup goal-scoring history

Clive Allen is in sight of Cup history. The Tottenham forward needs one goal in tonight's Littlewoods Cup semi-final decider against Arsenal to claim outright a record of 11 in one season of the competition (going back to its inception as the League cup) that he now shares with four other players. They are Gerry Hitchens (Aston Villa) in 1960-61, Tony Brown (WBA) and Geoff Hurst (West Ham) both in 1965-66, and Rodney Marsh (Queen's Park Rangers) in 1966-67.

Allen, the leading goal-scorer in the country, knows he should already have secured a Wembley place against Liverpool on April 5. He squandered chances in both legs, and is keen to set the record straight in the White Hart Lane replay.

"Clive's great concern is for the ones he misses rather than the ones he scores," said manager David Pleat, whose main fear is that a penalty shoot-out may have to separate the North London rivals.

"I wouldn't like to think that it will be decided on penalties, but whoever goes out will have had a marvellous run for their money."

Allen, with 38 goals this season, needs seven more goals to beat the club's scoring record, which currently stands at 44 and not 43 as previously thought. Tottenham have checked their records and revised Jimmy Greaves's tally for the 1962-63 season, in which he scored 37 goals in the League, five in the Cup Winners' Cup and two in the FA Charity Shield.

Greyhound probe ordered

By John Goodbody

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT)will investigate allegations that powerful bookmaking interests are planning to replace the National Greyhound Racing Club (NGRC) as the governing body for afternoon racing.

A memorandum, from Major General J. H. S. Majury, the Senior Steward of the NGRC, to the Department of Trade and Industry, will be passed on to the OFT, which is already investigating the background to the setting up of Satellite Information Service, the televisionsatellite communications company, by the four major off-course bookmaking companies, Ladbrokes, Coral, William Hill and Mecca. The dominance of the Big Four in horse and dog racing was the subject of a big inquiry in *The Times* last month.

The memoradum coincides with yesterday's letter in *The Times* in which Major General Majury said it was "an utter disgrace that these developments have taken place without there being any consultation with the established greyhound racing authorities."

A spokeswoman for the OFT said yesterday that it had not yet received the memorandum but that the allegations would be looked at with reference to the Restrictive Trade Practices Act and the Fair Trading Act. The NGRC has a similar role in greyhound racing to the Stewards of the Jockey Club in horse racing. There are 39 tracks operating under its rules with annual attendances totalling 3.8 million.

Manley settles his dispute over world title officials

By Jeremy Novick

When Terry Marsh walks into the boxing ring tonight, he will have the support of not only a partisan 6,000 capacity crowd, but also that of every viewer watching the contest live on television. When Joe Louis Manley walks out, he will have only his immediate entourage to keep him company. That, and his crown.

The two boxers have a surprising amount in common. Both started boxing when they were 11; both have served in the forces – Marsh in the Royal Marines, Manley in the Army; both are married and have baby daughters; and both think that they will win. There the similarities end.

Manley has not exactly encouraged a glowing Press since he has been in Britain. Firstly, he said that if he did not have his way over the choice of officials, he would return to Detroit. Secondly, he baffled everyone by disputing the choice of Ove Ovesson, the Dane, as the neutral judge. "They don't have much liking for people of my shade," he says. Not the sort of stuff to win friends and influence people.

In the flesh though, Manley is not quite as dour as he has been painted. He won the International Boxing Federation (IBF) light-welterweight title on October 30 last year and has been professional since 1981. He was waiting for the 1980 Moscow Olympics, but things did not quite work out. "I made the team. Of course, we didn't go anywhere . . . and that was the end of that. So much for the Olympics."

Speaking in a slow deliberate drawl, Manley exudes the air of a man just waiting for time to pass. A sharp contrast to the man inside the ring. "How are you feeling Joe?" "Ahh, you know. I'm, ahh, feeling pretty good."

Despite his three years in the Army and a short stint in the recreation department of Detroit City Council, boxing has always been Manley's first love. "Yeah, I always wanted to be a heavyweight. I wanted to be like Joe Frazier, heavyweight champion, but it didn't quite happen." "Is that how come the middle name?" "Huh? no, no. My middle name's not Frazier, it's Louis. Apparently, his grandmother had a soft spot for Joe Louis."

Tale of the tape

Manley		Marsh
27	Age	29
10st	Weight	10st
5ft 8in	Height	5ft 10in
67in	Reach	71in
	Chest	
39in	Normal	38in
41in	Expanded	40in
15in	Biceps	15in
11in	Forearm	11in
29in	Waist	28in
19in	Thigh	18in
15in	Calf	15in
15½in	Neck	15in
7in	Wrist	8in
5½in	Fist	5in
8½in	Ankle	9in

RECORDS

Marsh: 24 wins, 0 defeats; 1 draw.

Manley: 26 wins, 3 defeats, 1 draw.

It has been confirmed now that Roland Dakin will indeed be one of the judges tonight, but Manley does not seem to care any more. "Yeah, I'm satisfied, all the officials are fine." And the Danish question? "Well, eh, I was confused. I thought the Danish judge was a South African, you know. I only found out later that he wasn't."

Aside from all that though, all is well. He has seen Marsh and thinks that he looks a good boxer, but the question of who would win was treated with incredulity. "Pardon me? Oh, he'll lose, yeah, it'll be a good fight, but he'll lose."

Whatever happens tonight, at the end both men will go very much their separate ways. For Marsh, there will be fires to douse and cats to rescue. Manley though is off to Jamaica for a fishing holiday as soon as he goes back, and is feeling a touch homesick. "My little girl, she's 14 months old now. I wanna make sure she knows who I am."

● After the dispute surrounding last week's Lloyd Honeyghan bout, it has been agreed that a 10-second buzzer would be sounded at the beginning of each round. Walter Stone, the fight supervisor, announced at the pre-fight rules meeting. A special mention was also made banning representatives of television companies attracting the attention of the referee between rounds.

The only disagreement concerned the choice of glove. The American model — complete with webbed thumb and exposed stitching — was questioned by Frank Warren, though it was stressed that an amicable arrangement would be made.

Crowd deaths

Jakarta (AFP) – At least eight people died from heart attacks while watching Ellyas Pical, Indonesia's only world champion. Pical was knocked out in the fourteenth round by Khaosai Galaxy, of Thailand, in a World Boxing Association junior bantamweight title fight.

Old rule restricts woman golfer

By Mitchell Platts

Fiona Macdonald has broken down her fair share of male golfing bastions since she became (last year) the first woman to play in the University match; but she has been forced off the fairways for Cambridge's annual fixture against Notts Golf Club at Hollinwell this Saturday by a long-standing club rule.

The Notts Club do not permit women members to play prior to 4 p.m. on a Saturday and a request three weeks ago from Cambridge to switch the match to a Sunday came too late for the club to be able to accommodate them. John Walker, the Notts Golf Club secretary, said: "We are not refusing Miss Macdonald a game, but the rule has been in existence for donkey's years – the club is celebrating its centenary this year — and you can imagine the reaction from our women members if we agreed to an 'outsider' playing. Saturday is a busy golf day, one time when the men can play, and although the rule is an old one the committee feel that it should be adhered to at all times."

Miss Macdonald said: "It's a bit annoying not being able to play this weekend as it's the last chance before the varsity match. But there is nothing we can do about it."

Walker added: "In fact the situation was discussed by the club committee twelve months ago, when it was put forward that one solution was to change the match to a Sunday, but we did not hear, with regard to this Saturday's match, from Cambridge until three weeks ago when it was simply too late for us to change the fixture."

Miss Macdonald, aged 20, an Essex County player, first played in the University match last year and she is in the Cambridge team to meet Oxford at Formby on March 20-21. She has in recent months been made an 'honorary man' in order to use the facilities at the Royal St George's Club and at Rye where in January she became the first woman to play in the Oxford and Cambridge President's Putter.

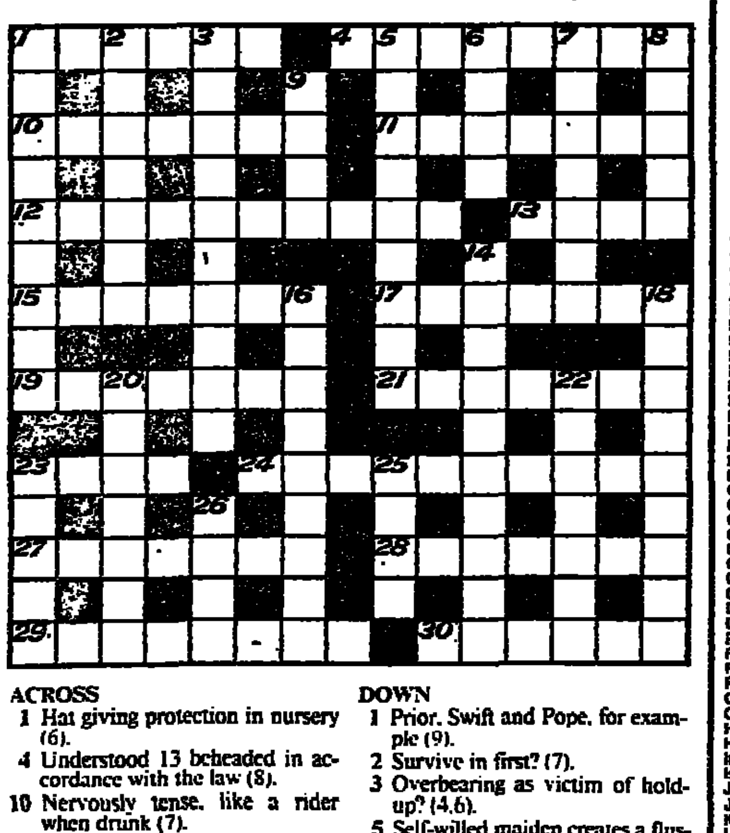
Britain hopes to host three top meetings

Britain is bidding to host three major athletics meetings in successive years, beginning with the International Amateur Athletics Federation Grand Prix final at Crystal Palace in 1988.

The British Amateur Athletics Board are also hoping to bring the European Cup Final to Crystal Palace in 1989 and the European Indoor Championships to Birmingham's new stadium in 1990.

If the application for the Grand Prix final, scheduled for August 26, is successful, it would bring the number of Grand Prix events to be staged in Britain next summer to three.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,295



ACROSS

1 Hat giving protection in nursery (6).
4 Understood 13 beheaded in accordance with the law (8).
10 Nervously tense, like a rider when drunk (7).
11 Betray everyone in this boat (7).
12 Ulster may depend on one (4,6).
13 Trimming a couple of army men (4).
15 Play in afternoon with new England opener in team (7).
17 Half-baked pudding is hard (7).
19 Gets inside information in return for savings (4,3).
21 Boy holds sort of yarn or rope for fastening (7).
23 Heartlessness, perhaps? Nothing in it (4).
24 Right group gets card early in week (6,4).
27 Declines part of Arab (7).
28 Hear out novel writer (7).
29 She lets country boy away, finally (8).
30 How do we stand one? (6).

DOWN

1 Prior, Swift and Pope, for example (9).
2 Survive in first? (7).
3 Overbearing as victim of hold-up? (4,6).
5 Self-willed maiden creates a fluster (9).
6 Idle head (4).
7 Goldsmith joining small group in Irish capital (7).
8 Fill pot (3,2).
9 This college sent down no odd characters, however (4).
14 Time launch round day's end in part of Ireland (6,4).
16 Absorbed what's writ large (9).
18 Conceal spring that's narrow and rigid (9).
20 Half-prepared to make big strides in Cambridgeshire (7).
22 Complaint porter intended to be heard (7).
23 For example, a volume about partners (5).
25 Fruit a number of Romans consumed (4).
26 Man's place as PM once (4).

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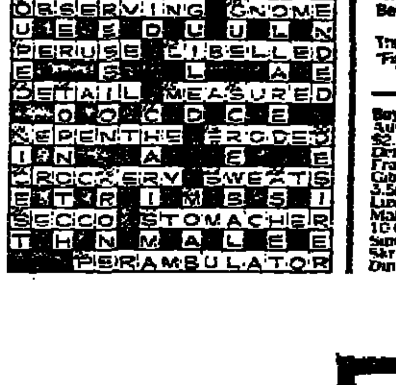
Solution to Puzzle No 17,294



WEATHER

General situation: Very cold air associated with high pressure over the near continent will be displaced as Atlantic fronts bring less cold weather from the west. Occasional sleet and snow in places. Cloudy with a few bright intervals. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Milder, with rain at times.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	15	59	Majorca	s	17	63
Akrotiri	f	17	63	Malaga	s	27	81
Alex'dria	s	19	66	Malta	s	17	63
Algiers	s	21	70	Melb'rne	s	22	72
Amst'dm	s	-3	27	Mexico C*			
Athens	r	11	52	Miami*	f	25	77
Bahrain	s	27	81	Milan	s	15	59
Barbads*	s	29	84	Montreal*	sn	-5	23
Barcelna	s	17	63	Moscow	sn	-15	5
Beirut				Munich	sn	-8	18
Belgrade	s	-3	16	Nairobi	s	29	84
Berlin	f	-6	21	Naples	f	16	61
Bermuda*	c	21	70	N Delhi	s	25	77
Biarritz	f	11	52	N York*	f	8	46
Borde'x	f	9	48	Nice	s	17	63
Brussels	s	-3	27	Oslo	s	-11	12
Budapst	s	-7	19	Paris	c	-2	28
B Aires*	f	33	91	Peking			
Cairo	f	19	66	Perth	s	33	91
Cape Tn	s	28	82	Prague	s	-9	16
C'blanca	s	21	70	Reykjvik	r	4	39
Chicago*	s	7	45	Rhodes	c	13	55
Ch'church	r	15	59	Rio de J	c	27	81
Cologne	s	-4	25	Riyadh	c	24	75
C'phagn	s	-9	16	Rome	s	17	63
Corfu	f	16	61	Salzburg	sn	-8	18
Dublin	f	6	43	S F'nsco*	c	13	55
Dubrovnik	s	9	48	Santiago*	c	30	86
Faro	s	26	79	S Paulo*	f	28	82
Florence	s	13	55	Seoul	c	5	41
Frankfurt	s	-6	21	Sing'por	f	31	88
Funchal	s	22	72	St'kholm	s	-11	12
Geneva	c	3	37	Strasb'rg	sn	-4	25
Gibraltar	s	27	81	Sydney	r	19	66
Helsinki	s	-13	9	Tangier	s	21	70
Hong K	c	18	64	Tel aviv	s	17	63
Innsbrck	sn	-1	30	Tenerife	s	28	82
Istanbul	f	10	50	Tokyo	s	11	52
Jeddah	c	29	84	Toronto*	c	0	32
Jo'burg*	f	23	73	Tunis	s	17	63
Karachi	c	28	82	Valencia	s	24	75
L Palmas	s	29	84	Vanc'ver*	r	5	41
Le Tquet	f	1	34	Venice	c	4	39
Lisbon	s	21	70	Vienna	s	-9	16
Locarno	f	12	54	Warsaw	f	-13	9
L Angels*	c	15	59	Wash'ton*	f	11	52
Luxembg	s	-5	23	Wel'nton	r	16	61
Madrid	f	19	65	Zurich	sn	0	32

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Bridlington	-	.52	7	45	gale
Cromer	-	.28	5	41	shower
Lowestoft	-	.21	6	43	shower
Clacton	-	.08	8	46	rain
Southend	-	.03	9	48	dull
Margate	-	.09	7	45	gale
Folkestone	2.3	.21	10	50	bright
Hastings	4.9	.13	10	50	sunny
Eastbourne	5.5	.38	11	52	sunny
Brighton	5.0	.21	9	48	sunny
Worthing	5.9	.17	11	52	sunny
Littlehmptn	5.8	.14	11	52	sunny
Bognor R	6.3	.12	11	52	sunny
Southsea	7.8	.06	11	52	sunny
Sandown	7.4	.11	10	50	sunny
Shanklin	7.7	.08	10	50	sunny
Bournemth	8.5	.09	11	52	sunny
Poole	9.4	.09	11	52	sunny
Swanage	9.6	.11	11	52	sunny
Weymouth	9.6	.01	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	8.6	-	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	9.0	-	9	48	sunny
Torquay	8.9	.01	10	50	sunny
Falmouth	-	.08	9	48	sunny
Penzance	9.6	.03	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	-				
Jersey	7.8	.05	10	50	sunny
Guernsey	8.9	-	10	50	sunny
Newquay	9.1	.04	10	50	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	.15	10	50	sunny
Minehead	8.2	.03	9	48	sunny
B'pool Airpt	9.1	.28	8	46	sunny
Morecambe	7.6	.28	8	46	sunny
Douglas	9.2	.67	8	46	sunny
B'ham Airpt	7.2	.06	8	46	bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	9.4	.14	11	52	sunny
Carlisle	7.5	.65	9	48	sunny
London	3.9	.02	10	50	bright
Manchester	5.8	.35	8	46	shower
N'cstl-n-Tyne	2.7	.61	8	46	bright
Nottingham	3.6	.13	8	46	bright
Anglesey	9.3	.31	9	48	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	9.9	.27	9	48	sunny
Colwyn Bay	•	.15	8	46	bright
Tenby	9.2	.28	9	48	sunny
Aberdeen	6.9	.42	8	46	shower
Edinburgh	6.1	.28	9	48	sunny
Eskdalemuir	8.5	.61	8	46	sunny
Glasgow	9.4	.28	9	48	sunny
Kinloss	7.0	.25	8	46	sunny
Lerwick	1.8	.84	5	41	hail
Prestwick	9.6	.41	9	48	sunny
Stornoway	8.4	.01	9	48	sunny
Tiree	8.4	-	9	48	sunny
Wick	8.0	.30	8	46	shower
Belfast	8.9	.35	9	48	sunny

These are yesterday's figures
*Figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.28	7.2	4.57	7.1
Aberdeen	3.59	3.9	4.03	4.2
Avonmouth	10.00	13.4	10.14	12.8
Belfast	1.38	3.3	1.58	3.5
Cardiff	9.45	12.3	9.59	11.8
Devonport	8.31	5.4	8.44	5.2
Dover	1.30	6.7	1.52	6.3
Falmouth	8.01	5.2	8.14	5.0
Glasgow	3.28	4.8	3.42	5.1
Harwich	2.19	4.0	2.46	3.8
Holyhead	12.48	6.3	1.03	5.5
Hull	9.03	7.1	9.10	7.6
Ilfracombe	8.44	9.0	8.56	8.5
Leith	5.23	5.2	5.37	5.4
Liverpool	1.44	9.1	2.01	9.3
Lowestoft	—	—	12.28	2.1
Margate	2.30	4.8	3.04	4.5
Milford Haven	8.58	6.9	9.12	6.5
Newquay	7.50	5.9	8.05	6.6
Oban	8.18	3.8	8.20	3.6
Penzance	7.36	5.5	7.50	5.3
Portland	9.31	2.1	9.44	1.9
Portsmouth	2.03	4.7	2.15	4.5
Shoreham	1.42	6.3	1.58	6.1
Southampton	1.28	4.5	1.41	4.4
Swansea	9.04	9.4	9.14	9.0
Tees	6.28	5.1	6.35	5.4
W'tton-on-Nze	2.11	4.3	2.39	4.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.385	2.265
Austria Sch	20.90	19.80
Belgium Fr	62.20	58.80
Canada $	2.16	2.06
Denmark Kr	11.20	10.60
Finland Mkk	7.48	6.96
France Fr	9.87	9.37
Germany Dm	2.985	2.825
Greece Dr	218	203
Hong Kong $	12.55	11.95
Ireland Pt	1.121	1.061
Italy Lira	2120	2000
Japan Yen	253	239
Netherlands Gld	3.355	3.175
Norway Kr	11.32	10.72
Portugal Esc	224	214
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.80
Spain Pta	207	197
Sweden Kr	10.48	9.93
Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.37
USA $	1.625	1.555
Yugoslavia Dnr	950	850

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 394.5

London: The *FT* Index closed up 9.0 at 1813.5.

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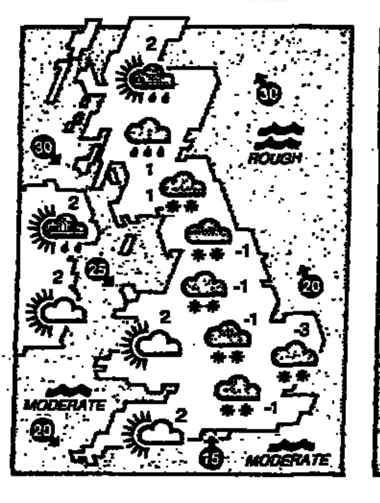

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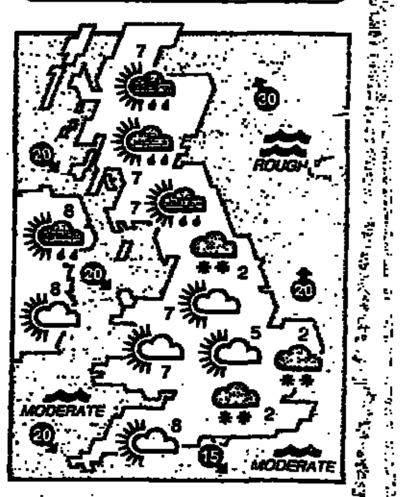

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.15 pm to 6.09 am
Bristol 6.25 pm to 6.18 am
Edinburgh 6.22 pm to 6.26 am
Manchester 6.21 pm to 6.19 am
Penzance 6.38 pm to 6.29 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4C (39F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 0C (32F). Humidity: 6 pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1030.2 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	6	43	Guernsey	r	3	37
B'mgham	c	1	34	Inverness	s	5	41
Blackpool	c	3	37	Jersey	c	3	37
Bristol	c	3	37	London	s	3	37
Cardiff	c	1	34	M'nchster	c	1	34
Edinburgh	s	7	45	Newcastle	c	2	36
Glasgow	f	6	43	R'nldsway	s	5	41

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 3C (37F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.7hr.

Sun rises: 6.41 am
Sun sets: 5.45 pm
Moon rises 8.07 am
Moon sets 11.45 pm
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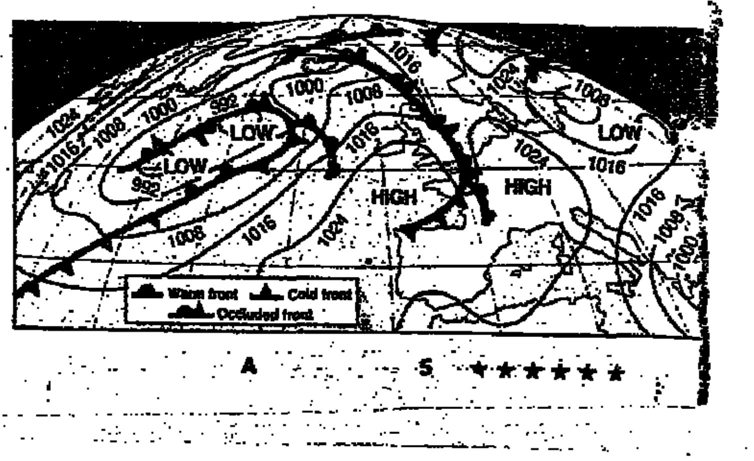
NOON TODAY



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